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## Sadness at end of 40-year market

TRADERS and loyal shoppers have spoken of their sadness as they bid farewell to a market in Brierley Hill which has closed its gates for the final time.

Manager Shane Birch-Bastock has locked the gates for good at Concord Market, which has been a fixture on High Street for more than 40 years.

Glasses of bubbly and thoughts drifting to the market's heyday made for an emotional send off as the last remaining traders packed up on Saturday.

And the final day of trading also brought a plea from managers and stallholders to customers to use local shops and markets or face losing them forever.

Mr Birch-Bastock, who is chairman of Brierley Hill Traders' Association, said: "It is a really sad day to think it is coming to an end."

Among the customers visiting on the final day were long-standing customers Marlene Perry and her daughter-in-law Kim Foxall, both from Stourbridge.

"It is just heartbreaking," said Marlene, of Longfield Road, Lye. Kim added: "You get much more personal service here." They came to say goodbye to Jit Singh and his son Sarb, who ran clothing store Jean Scene which has been based at the market for 38 years.

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## Retail units up for grabs

DEVELOPERS have begun advertising for retailers to take up units at Stourbridge town centre £50 million's shopping development.

The Crown Centre, which will be anchored by a Tesco Extra store, is due to be completed by Christmas.

To Let signs have gone up for seven units. They are being marketed by Birmingham-based BWD retail property consultants who said they had received both local and national interest.

Streets will be shut this month to allow work to take place on a new town square and road.

# POLICE CALL FOR LAPTOP ATTACKED

**AN APPLICATION by police to a Stourbridge community forum for £378 to buy a new laptop has been described as atrocious.**

It was one of five received by the forum which covers Pedmore and Stourbridge East, Norton, Wolaston and Stourbridge Town Centre wards.

Councillors met the request with sympathy, along with speculation police budget cuts are starting to bite.

Members backed the request, but Councillor Barbara Sykes said: "I just find it atrocious and deplorable that the cuts are so bad that this is necessary. 'I'll vote for it but I think it's tragic they have to come to us.'"

A force spokesman refused to comment on why the police budget could not cover the purchase.

Earlier this month West Midlands Police revealed hundreds more police officers and support staff would lose their jobs over the next six years - on top of the loss of 2,200 officers and staff from its 13,500 workforce already.

### Register

The force is already having to save £126 million by 2015 due to a squeeze in government funding.

Community groups and organisations can apply for up to £5,000 in funding for items such as new equipment.

The request for the laptop - at £378.99 including VAT - was made by Sgt Ade George, Neighbourhood Policing Co-ordinator in Stourbridge.

It will be used by crime prevention officers to encourage members of the public to register their valuable items on the Immobilise programme, which helps reunite people with lost or

by Sharon Marris

stolen possessions. The officers have struck a deal with some companies allowing free wifi for the project.

Sgt George said the computer would be used at officers' pop-up cop shop every Saturday in the Ryemarket.

He added: "When there we encourage people to use Immobilise - a national online property register."

"Officers routinely check this database when property is recovered so that it can be returned to its rightful owner."

"The panel funded a laptop computer which is solely for use by local officers to help protect local people's property."

"We thank the panel for backing our work to make Stourbridge a safer place."

Other applications supported were from the 8th Stourbridge Guide Company, Norton, for £500 for new shelving to store camping equipment and Stourbridge Street Pastors, who requested £4,290 towards the salary of a co-ordinator of its volunteers.

An application from Clent Cricket Club for £468 for a rain cover was from outside the area covered by the community forum and was refused.

A late request from St John's United Reformed Church, Stourbridge, for £5,000 to fund a range of refurbishment projects was supported subject to more information being provided.

## Winifred travels to reach 100th birthday



Winifred Hill celebrates her 100th birthday with senior care assistants Chloe Salter, left, and Emma Messe at The Brambles Rest Home, Amblecote

GLOBETROTTER Winifred Hill was today celebrating with family and friends after reaching her 100th birthday.

Mrs Hill who has been a resident at The Brambles Rest Home, Amblecote, since 2008, has finally put the brakes on her world tour after 40 years of exploration.

Having rode elephants in Thailand, travelled on camels in Egypt and taken high tea at Singapore's Raffles Hotel, the former Oldswinford resident is happy to be back on home soil.

Born Winifred Phillips, she lived in Field Lane for 95 years, moving from one property to another in the same street, only punctuated by her jet-setting lifestyle.

She married John Hill, known as Jack, in 1932 and the couple had four children, Tony, Pauline, Shirley and Jane.

She also has nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

### Tribute

The poetry-lover had to bring up her children while her husband went off to fight in the Second World War. Sadly she was widowed in 1976.

It was then that she was bitten by the travel bug and began to explore Europe with a friend.

She continued to travel into her late eighties visiting countries such as Florida, Sydney and Japan.

In a tribute to the care home's first centenarian, staff presented Mrs Hill with a suitcase-styled cake.

Her son Tony Hill said: "She still has a great sense of humour. She told me not to tell anyone that she had reached 100."

So what's the secret to reaching this milestone? Mrs Hill said it was down to her being a 'rare specimen'.

## Lottery's £2.6m for revamp of town park

STOURBRIDGE'S Mary Stevens Park has scooped £2.6 million of lottery cash for a long-awaited revamp.

Its historic gates will be restored to their former glory as part of the project.

The grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund will also be used to transform a print room into a cafe.

Improvements will be made to the Heath Pool, to include a viewing platform, and there will also be a revamp of the tea gardens and war memorial.

The cost of the scheme is expected to be £3.1m.

Cabinet member for environment and culture Councillor Tracy Wood said she was thrilled that the bid had been successful.

"Dudley Council is committed to maintaining our valuable parks and green spaces and this injection of cash will certainly help us to do just that," she said.

"We are looking forward to working with the Friends of Mary Stevens Park to make this project a success and I'm sure the local community will continue to support it."

Chief executive of the Heritage Lottery Fund Carole Souter said: "We're delighted to be able to provide this much-needed support."

## 13,000 to miss wheelie bins

UP TO 12,800 homes will not get a wheelie bin for their household rubbish when the service is rolled out across Dudley borough.

Dudley Council is assessing homes to see if they are suitable for the bins but it is estimated up to 10 per cent of the 128,000 homes served by the council will remain using black bags. These included flats and homes with difficult access.

Delivery started this week in the first phase of the £2.5million project. Around 40,000 homes in areas of Stourbridge, Quarry Bank, Netherton, Coseley, Kingswinford and Halesowen will be receiving their bins.



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# Angry residents demand end to 'rat run'

A PETITION is being launched by campaigners demanding action against motorists they claim are using roads through a village near Stourbridge as a rat run from a busy dual carriageway.

The residents claim motorists are breaking 30mph speed limits on certain roads through Hagley, endangering local people, including children.

Introducing better signage and slashing national speed limits on sections of roads are among the ideas being raised by residents.

Newly-elected county councillor Rachel Jenkins has said the concerns were one of the main topics discussed by residents on the doorstep.

And she says she has already started to make enquiries with high-

ways bosses in an attempt to have the routes reviewed to improve safety.

Campaigners say motorists are speeding off the busy A456 Kidderminster Road and the A491 Stourbridge Road, and using two side roads as a quicker route into the village.

They say some drivers are using Middlefield Lane off the A456 to

access Worcester Lane on the approach to West Hagley and the main shopping areas.

Others are turning from the A491 into Western Road, which accesses Newfield Road, before reaching the village.

But Councillor Jenkins says in both cases drivers are often driving too fast for the narrower roads.

# Store is to look into free parking

PARTS of a superstore's car park in Brierley Hill could be opened up to the public for free in an attempt to boost custom in the town following the closure of an indoor market.

Asda, in Pearson Street, has 400 car parking spaces but is not always full.

Now bosses there have agreed to look into the idea of free parking which had been raised by some traders in the town centre, who are concerned about losing custom.

At present motorists have to pay £1 to park at Asda for up to two hours.

But they can get a refund by spending more than £2 in the store.

Asda department manager Patrick Molloy said: "In realistic terms £1 is not a lot of money - but I can see that it is about paying for parking some people think about."

"We can have a look at the idea of free parking."

I can't guarantee anything, but will be happy to talk to my boss to see if anything can be done."

Brierley Hill has lost its Concord Market in High Street, after the owner said the number of traders there had dwindled.

# Campaign on rape is launched

A CAMPAIGN to stop an increase in summer-time rapes has been launched by police in Worcestershire and Shropshire.

StopRapeNow.co.uk tells young women it is not a crime to look good, and that sex without their consent is rape.

The campaign has been launched by police, health and support agencies and councils in the West Mercia Police region, because reports of rape increase in the summer.

Det. Supt Graeme Pallister, crime manager for Warwickshire and West Mercia Police forces, said: "A woman has the right to say no. If there's any question about whether she's drunk too much to give consent, assume she hasn't given it."

Posters, cards, and stickers are being distributed to raise awareness of the campaign.

# DUDLEY College has unveiled these images showing how its latest multi-million town centre campus building will look.

The new engineering and manufacturing complex is the third stage of the new £30 million Learning Quarter in Dudley.

Dudley Advance, in Priory Road, will give students specialised manufacturing skills. Bosses say the £6m centre will support the local and national engineering, technology and manufacturing sectors.

College principal Lowell Williams said facilities were crucial to training the next generation of engineers in the Black Country.

And new artist impressions of Dudley Advance were released, showing how it will look when it is opened in September 2014.

Metal features on the outside of the two other new campus buildings, Dudley Evolve and Dudley Sixth, have been continued on the new building. The cube-like structure has been designed to look like it is encased by machined steel, covered in zinc-type cladding.

Designers say this represents the industrial heritage of the area and creates an attractive building.

## Distinctive

Mr Williams said Dudley Advance was an exciting and distinctive project.

He said: "There has been a great deal of interest shown in the development by the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership and the Higher Education Funding Council for England."

"They are excited about the new learning opportunities we will be able to offer and the latest addition to the Learning Quarter, which will focus on the development of high value manufacturing and engineering skills. Tenders issued to pre-selected contractors are expected back by mid July, and work will begin at the end of August."

Key partners Aston University have helped shape the curriculum in consultation with local employers including manufacturers Thomas Dudley Ltd and the Hadley Group.

Bosses say there will be a heavy emphasis on the development of science, technology, engineering and maths, and enterprise skills.

The centre will house specialist teaching spaces which will be fitted out with industry specific equipment for mechatronics, electrical engineering and engineering science, as well as traditional machine tool based engineering.



The look of the new Dudley Advance building is to reflect the industrial heritage of the region



The new centre will focus on developing manufacturing and engineering skills, says the principal

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## Shopping centre ban for thief, 24



William Gamble

A THIEF with more than 42 shoplifting convictions has been banned from Merry Hill shopping centre for 18 months.

William Gamble, aged 24, is not allowed to enter the centre, or Boots, Co-op supermarket, Iceland and B&M retail stores in Dudley.

Gamble, of no fixed address, was recently released from prison and a Criminal Anti-Social Behaviour Order (Crasbo) to ban him from shops comes into force.

The order was issued by Dudley Magistrates after he was convicted of stealing two TVs from B&M and perfume from Boots. Both offences were in December.

Gamble, who began offending at the age of 12, must leave retail premises if asked by staff or security officers in any of the stores covered by the order.

## Festival set to put art in spotlight

A FORMER college lecturer is helping to stage an exhibition as part of an arts and heritage festival in Cradley.

A number of activities are taking place marking Cradley's Festival Week.

Artist and former Halesowen College lecturer Philip Adams will run workshops and many of his pieces are going on display at St Peter's Church, off Colley Lane, on July 20 between 12pm and 4pm.

Artist Graham Hendley will also be exhibiting and painting and there will be a bird box making workshop. Refreshments will be served, the bell tower will be open for tours and there will be a bouncy castle. Local artists can have their work displayed by calling the Rev Kathryn Leclézio on 01384 411 383.

# Cashier 'overwhelmed' by her theft jailed

THE head cashier of a solicitors firm who stole £165,000 from the company handed herself in because she was 'overwhelmed' by what she had done, a court heard.

Judge John Warner said Pauline Sutcliffe had 'breached the trust' of her bosses and the clients of Stables and Co Solicitors. He jailed her for 14 months last week.

The business, which had practices in Rowley Regis, Halesowen and Stourbridge, closed in April 2012 after all three partners were declared bankrupt. Sutcliffe handed herself in to police for

fear of being found out in the weeks after the firm closed but prosecutors claimed her theft would have gone unnoticed had she not admitted her crime.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard Sutcliffe, who was head cashier at the Halesowen branch, was in control of cash paid into the firm by clients.

But instead of paying the full cash amount into the firm's accounts, Sutcliffe would skim off a small proportion for herself.

False ledgers were then submitted to cover her tracks, the court heard. Sutcliffe, aged 58, of

Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury, pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to stealing from the firm between April 1, 2001 and December 31, 2010.

Miss Joanne Barker, prosecuting, said: "None had a clue what she was doing and they trusted her."

She added: "It was an unsophisticated operation which involved her simply filling out false ledgers for cash which was not paid in and then her juggling the accounts at the end of each month, effectively using other money that was put in to cover the money she had kept."



Pauline Sutcliffe - jailed

# Sadness and pride of boss as market empire declines

**BLACK COUNTRY** born-and-bred Stan Bastock rose from a humble background to become a millionaire not just once, but three times over.

In the world of the market trader he was the original 'Del Boy'. But unlike the comedy TV character in Only Fools and Horses, Mr Bastock had a life of wealth and fame by the age of 30.

Owning three thriving markets in Brierley Hill and Sedgley - all named after the airliner Concord - he was tasting the high life. But now, nine years after he died aged 75 in 2004, the market empire he built up has fallen away. Only the market in Sedgley, set up in 1976, remains.

The first two markets he launched with his wife Sheila have gone. The 'bottom centre' Concord Market in High Street opened in the early 1960s, but was shut in 2006.

The 'top centre' Concord Market which opened in 1983, a few doors down from the first market, is closing because of a dwindling number of traders.

"My step-father would have closed the Concord market in Brierley Hill years ago," admits Shane Bastock-Birch, Mr Bastock's stepson, managing director of Pentax Developments.

### Decision

The Brierley Hill-based firm, also set up by Mr Bastock, managed the Concord markets as well as 30 offices and commercial properties in the town.

"My father was decisive. If he saw something was losing money he would have made the hard decision," says Mr Birch-Bastock.

"Although the market was losing money and traders, I found it difficult to nail down the closure because I know so many of the market holders, many of whom were here from the start."

Mr Birch-Bastock said his step-father quickly spotted a potential for operating a market through his early years of running a fishmongers with his parents in various markets in the Black Country.

After running two shops in Brierley Hill he made the move to open the 'bottom centre' Concord Market in the High Street in the early 1960s, attracting 25 traders immediately.

The town picked up a reputation for market deals and people would travel from across the Midlands. Business thrived and



Manager Shane Birch-Bastock locks up for the last time



Sheila and Stan Bastock at the market during its heyday

Mr Bastock was soon buying up more properties in the town including the old Odeon cinema before snapping up his next market, this time in Sedgley in 1976, attracting 27 traders.

Six years later, he turned his attention back to Brierley Hill to open a second market, just a few doors down from his first, in the High Street, nick-naming it the 'top centre'. The market started out as outdoor, but following a freezing first winter Mr Bastock splashed out £1 million to build an archedway and two front offices.

"The markets were packed, full of noisy stall holders and shoppers looking for a bargain. It was quite an atmosphere to grow up in and I was expected to get involved,"



Stallholder Jit Singh with customers Marlene Perry, left, and Kim Foxall

says Mr Birch-Bastock. "My step-father said 'you must learn the market trade to grow up' and told me to run by own hardware store - he was right, it was a great start into the business world."

But from the 1980s trade began to fall as people's shopping habits began to change with the rise of department stores and supermarkets. Merry Hill shopping centre opened in 1985 and is continually developed.

### Retirement

Mr Bastock passed Pentax Developments on to his stepson, and step-daughters Kim and Julie, as he neared retirement.

In 2006, Mr Birch-Bastock oversaw the closure of the 'top centre'. He said: "The town could no longer accommodate three

markets. There was not the demand."

Now, the 'bottom centre' is closing, leaving just the Old Market.

Mr Birch-Bastock said the Concord Market in Sedgley was still performing well. He said: "We've only a few spaces in Sedgley. Sedgley has proved to be more suitable for a market in this modern day. Maybe it's down to how much people have to spend or shopping centres nearby. All I can say is that Sedgley is doing very well."

Looking back over the business's history, Mr Birch-Bastock said: "Of course it saddens me to see the closure of the markets, but I'm also proud of what my family has done."

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## NEWS in brief

### Pass out parade hosted by club

PUBLIC service students at Dudley College celebrated the end of their course by holding a 'Pass Out Parade'.

More than 100 took part at Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Football Club, entertaining invited guests with demonstrations that showed their levels of communication, teamwork, fitness and leadership skills.

More than 500 guests, including families and dignitaries, were there to show their support.

Centre manager Paul Rigden said: "We are very proud of our students who have risen to the many challenges that the course has brought. They have developed their personal skills along the way."

### Ex-care boss out of her depth - MP

THE former boss of the national health watchdog was 'out of her depth', Stourbridge MP Margot James said.

She criticised the Care Quality Commission's former chief executive Cynthia Bower after she was accused of attempting to cover up its investigation into baby deaths at University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust.

Miss James said in the Commons: "I attended a presentation by the CQC in 2011 and I was shocked at the low calibre of what I heard. I found the chief executive at that time to be out of her depth."

Ms Bower claims she has been 'hung out to dry'.

### Thousands hit by power failure

THOUSANDS of homes in Dudley were hit by a power cut that shut a school and left traffic lights out.

More than 4,000 properties lost power for 30 minutes last Thursday morning, due to an underground cable fault.

Among those affected was Hillcrest School and Community College, Simms Lane, which was shut to pupils in the morning. A recorded message was left on the school answer machine for parents and carers.

### Water main burst

A ROAD in Lye was closed after an underground water pipe burst, leaving 15 homes without water. South Staffordshire Water was called to the burst pipe under Mears Copple road on Thursday.

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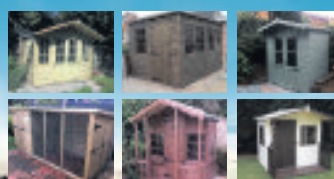
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## NEWS

## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



THE outgoing head of the NHS, Sir David Nicholson, accuses the media of having a "lack of balance" when reporting on the NHS. Better a lack of balance than a surfeit of coffins, eh?

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AFTER the story of Eva, who married Mr Weaver to become Eva Weaver, have any readers had to think long and hard before taking on their husband's surname? Do let me know.

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QUOTE of the week comes from Russian President Vladimir Putin on the vexed issue of what to do with whistleblowers: "Extraditing human-rights defenders like Snowden and Assange is like shearing a pig - too much squeaking, too little wool." The thing about Putin is you can actually imagine him shearing a pig.

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JUST when you think there's nothing left to invent, along comes the "hovering mug" with a handle that goes under the base of the mug to catch drips and protect wooden surfaces. One of the inventors declares proudly: "It's going to change the way people think about mugs." Calm down, lad. It's still only a mug.

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WE MAY be spectacularly missing the point about undercover policing. Vile though it is, the alleged attempt to smear Stephen Lawrence's family is not the big issue. Nor, for all the pain it caused, is the fact that some undercover officers had sex with women activists who had no idea they were cops. And nor, even though it makes the flesh creep, is this week's allegation that officers used the birth certificates of dead babies to create fake identities. The most alarming claim is that some police who secretly infiltrated direct-action groups became agents provocateurs. In others words, as a court heard at an inquiry into a policeman who went undercover in a climate-change group, some officers may actually have encouraged, or even originated plots. If elite little units such as Special Branch's Special Demonstration Squad can exist, apparently with no senior supervision, who is to prevent an officer crossing the line between observing and encouraging? And if undercover officers incite climate-change, anti-capitalism or animal-rights activists, where else might they be busy? In several columns over the past few years I have expressed surprise that, time after time, the police and security services manage to foil terrorist plots just before the bombers, beheaders or hijackers would have struck. It is a remarkable track record. In view of this week's revelations, it may strike you as more than remarkable. Is it possible that some of the terrorist plots "foiled" by police and MI5 are not all they appear? Unthinkable? Of course it is. But then, until this week, who would have dreamed that British bobbies would steal the identities of dead children?

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AS he crossed the Grand Canyon in high winds and without a safety harness or net, high-wire artist Nik Wallenda was seen to be murmuring prayers. I dare say they were on the lines of: "Oh, Dear Lord, why has thou, in thine infinite wisdom and mercy, made thine humble servant such a freakin' idiot?"

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# MP defends under-threat TA base

AN MP supported Dudley's under-threat Territorial Army base in a debate in the House of Commons.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin praised the soldiers, saying the regiment was at the heart of the community.

Defence ministers are considering proposals to split up The Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry (RMLY).

The regiment, which has a squadron base in Vicar Street, Dudley, could be split to allow for the creation of a Scottish Yeomanry.

A campaign to save the regiment has been launched and a petition protesting against the axing of the RMLY has attracted more than 1,400 signatures.

Campaigners say that Dudley's A Squadron, the only remaining TA Royal Armoured Corps Squadron based in the West Midlands, plays a vital role.

Mr Austin praised the work of the soldiers who are based in Dudley during last week's debate.

### Volunteers

"It is the best recruited squadron in the country," he told MPs.

"It recently took on 47 new trainees and is processing another 60 now, and has had two dozen volunteers on active service in Afghanistan. The people of Britain show huge respect and support for the work of our Armed Forces. Nowhere is this more true than in

Dudley, where our local regiment is at the heart of the community and has the freedom of the borough.

"It is hugely important that the TA is not reorganised in a way that puts that in jeopardy," he added.

Mr Austin says that at a time when the Government is in the process of doubling the size of the TA, it makes no sense to scrap 'a successful and expanding regiment'.

Labour's shadow defence secretary Jim Murphy said the Government would have to take into account the high regard in which the unit was held in Dudley and also the fact that it was over-subscribed.



MP Ian Austin

## Choir to perform at family fun day

THE 50-strong Rock Choir will be performing on Sunday at a family fun day.

The choir, with members from Stourbridge, Kidderminster, Bromsgrove and Redditch, will be entertaining crowds at Arrow Valley park's green fair and family fun day.

They will perform feel-good contemporary songs, conducted by Christa Hugo, at the park in Redditch.

Ms Hugo said: "Many of the Rock Choir members taking part live within the community, so we were delighted to be invited to sing in front of our home crowd."

"We're hoping the sun will shine and bring out lots of people, and that everyone enjoys our performance."

Amateur singers can join a Rock Choir in a number of towns and cities around the country.

On Saturday, local choir members will be joining thousands of members from across the UK to sing at London's O2 Arena.

"We're about to become the biggest choir ever to perform at the O2," said Ms Hugo.

Would-be singers from Redditch, Stourbridge, Kidderminster and Bromsgrove can have a free taster session. Visit [www.rockchoir.com](http://www.rockchoir.com) or call 01252 714 276.

## Section of canal closed by vandals

VANDALS attacked a canal in the Black Country, causing £80,000 worth of damage and forcing bosses to close a two-mile stretch of waterway.

The vandals opened locks on the Birmingham Old Main Line canal just off Gorsebrook Road, in Dunstall, causing a deluge which flooded a towpath, a road and a nearby business. Part of a canal wall partially collapsed.

A Canal and River Trust spokesman said: "The canal has been around for 200 years so it really is a shame that these vandals don't treat their local waterway with some respect. The damage would cost about £80,000 to repair and would close the canal for several weeks."

# Council re-think over 'graffiti' signs on road

**KEEP clear warning signs criticised by residents as 'graffiti on the road' will be removed from a quiet Quarry Bank cul-de-sac.**

People living in Birch Coppice were up in arms after the road markings warning drivers they cannot park were painted in the street.

Council bosses said they had taken the action after being contacted by a resident concerned about problem parking. But they have now done a U-turn after the signs proved unpopular with other people living in the street.

Around 30 unhappy residents attended a meeting with ward councillor Bryan Cotterill who told them the decision had been made to remove the markings.

Michael Hill, aged 58, who has lived in the street for 50 years, said: "It's like graffiti on the road."

"It's the size of the writing meant for motorways and we don't need that here."

### Blocked

His partner June Rigby said residents had only found out about the markings, which were painted recently, when they looked out of their windows or returned home at the end of the day.

She said: "We weren't asked about it."

Resident Michelle Potter, 47, who first contacted the council for help because the two driveways at her house were often blocked by parked cars, said she never expected the road markings to appear.

She said she had hoped for a solution such as a bollard to stop people parking by her driveways.

"I couldn't believe what they'd done when I saw it. I don't want to cause problems. I didn't want this," she said.

Councillor Cotterill said he was also surprised by the action the council had taken, adding: "I'd have expected this after there had been a series of accidents."



Unhappy - the Birch Coppice residents including Janice Stokes, Teresa Taylor and daughter Amy

## Car showroom plan brings jobs hopes

A car dealer showroom is set to be built, creating 12 jobs.

The Hagley Road Motor Company has applied to Sandwell Council to extend a showroom in Hagley Road West, Bearwood, near the Cock and Magpies pub, which if approved could create 10 full-time and two part-time roles.

The buildings at the site have been used as a motor dealers for a number of years. They were recently bought by the company, and the extension would be to ensure future growth.

There are currently five people working at the site.

The submitted plans include a

five-car showroom, a five-bay service and repair workshop with valeting areas, and offices.

A report submitted as part of the application states: "The existing buildings no longer provide suitable accommodation for a contemporary car dealership and need to be modernised."

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## Stars turn out for funeral of comic Lee



Comedian Lee Wilson

MORE than 350 people, including showbiz stars such as Jasper Carrott and Tom O'Connor, attended the funeral of comedian Lee Wilson.

Lee Wilson, whose real name was Geoff Beards, died aged 74, weeks after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

The great-grandfather was a regular on the local comedy circuit and during his career mixed with some of the leading lights in the world of showbiz.

During the service at St Mary's Church, Oldswinford, Jasper Carrott paid a glowing tribute. He said: "Lee had this passion for life - wherever we were, it was great."

Tributes were also paid by his wife Sheila, children Tracy, Lee and Debbie, their seven grandchildren and great granddaughter. Mr Wilson was born in Wednesbury and lived in Tipton before moving to Stourbridge.

## Have a say on priorities for health

PATIENTS are being encouraged to have their say about local GP services by joining new groups.

The patient participation groups have been created at 32 of Dudley's 49 GP practices with more in the process of starting.

Health bosses say the groups follow changes to the NHS meaning services are 'designed around the needs of the individual and community'.

Patients can say what health services they think are important and how they prefer to use them.

Patient participation groups will give GPs feedback on local priorities. People who would like to know more should contact their GP practice.

# CCTV image of two sought over shovel attack

THIS CCTV image has been released by police hunting those responsible for an assault in Stourbridge - as they revealed the victim had been attacked with a shovel.

Three men struck the 30-year-old victim several times with the weapon before kicking him as he lay on the ground, police said.

They said the victim was 'extremely fortunate' not to suffer life-threatening injuries in the 'prolonged attack' which happened in Hagley Road during the early hours of Sunday.

Police have released CCTV images of two men they want to speak to in connection with the latest attack.

Officers went to Hagley Road, just off the main ring road, at around 4.45am. The victim

was taken to hospital with head injuries and where he remains in a stable condition.

A 43-year-old man was arrested on Sunday and has been bailed pending further investigation.

Dc Gareth Homer said: "This was a really nasty attack and the victim was extremely fortunate not to suffer life-threatening injuries."

"The trio ganged up on their victim for a prolonged attack and we are urgently appealing for anyone with information about what happened to come forward."

"We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who recognises the two men in the CCTV image."

CI Mark Bramwell from Dudley Police

added: "Although this a nasty incident I would like to reassure people that the town is a safe place to come and enjoy at night."

"Dudley and the surrounding area has dedicated officers on duty to cover the night-time economy and there is also a successful Pub-watch scheme in place with local licensed premises."

Police have said they have no reason to link the two incidents at this stage.

Five men, aged from 21 to 31, were arrested on suspicion of attempted murder following the stabbing. They have been given police bail until the end of August.

Witnesses are asked to contact police on 101 or call the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



The two men police want to speak to in connection with the assault

# Club boss tells of night that ended in stabbing

THE boss of a Stourbridge club has spoken of the night which ended with a stabbing drama in the street outside.

Kye Flatman, manager of The Arena nightclub, revealed that trouble had flared during a themed garage music night attended by hundreds of people.

Up to 700 people were at night at The Arena, but trouble erupted in the early hours of June 23 when a man was attacked with a bottle.

Mr Flatman said a number of people were thrown out by the nightclub's security team.

But the problem escalated outside and three people were hurt in a brawl which involved a knife.

One man was stabbed and treated overnight in hospital.

### Arrested

Five men, aged from 21 to 31, were arrested on suspicion of attempted murder. They have been given police bail until the end of August.

Mr Flatman described the fight as a 'hiccup' as he attempts to improve the reputation at the club, formerly called The Picture House.

The Shape Shifterz event was the first held by the nightclub in Hagley Road, and was in operation alongside another event called Wide Awake at the same venue on the evening.

Both events were set to go on until 6am - but were cut short just after 3am because

by Alex Ross

of the stabbing. Mr Flatman, who has been manager of the club for two months, said: "Lessons have been learned."

"We didn't expect the amount of people to attend, although we had the night covered safety-wise with 14 bouncers."

"There was a small amount of trouble dealt with inside and that was fine, but when it got outside there was a problem."

Police were quickly called and ambulance crews attended to the injured at the scene.

Despite the stabbing, Mr Flatman said the club would continue to hold its early-morning events on a Sunday, although a drum and bass night scheduled for Saturday was postponed.

Mr Flatman said: "We're doing well. This was a hiccup we will learn from."

Police chief for Stourbridge, Inspector Dez Lambert, has said the stabbing was an isolated incident, adding the town offered people a safe night out.

## Walk boosts charity for cats

A VET'S practice raised more than £260 for the Cats Protection charity with a sponsored dog walk. Staff and clients from Vets4Pets in Fisher Street, Dudley Port, organised the event on May 19 with 33 dogs and their owners taking part in the walk along local canals.

## Top table pupils help school in Africa



Freya Cox, left, and Holly Hunt with back from left Hannah Wilkes, Chloe Baker, Phebe Dunn, Jane Cradock, Megan James, and Molly Wood who staged a table top sale at the school in aid of an school in Gambia

THEY may be thousands of miles apart but children in a Wordsleyschool have been helping youngsters in Gambia.

Belle Vue Primary School in Wordsley has had a connection with Bakau Newtown School for the past two years and three of their teachers have even travelled to the African nation to visit the school.

Pupils at Belle Vue, on Lawnswood Road, have been holding a table top sale to raise money for projects at the Gambian school. Children brought

their old toys to school and they were sold for 50p each.

Teaching assistant Jane Cradock said: "The relationship between the schools is a two-way thing."

"We have already helped with their garden, with fencing and crops."

"Now they're looking for a water pump and we've installed a similar one at the school here so the children can experience what it's like to use that to water the garden. At the moment Bakau Newtown has only got two taps

for a 2,000-pupil school." The next project on the cards is to help the Gambian school with its library.

As part of the arrangement between the two schools, Mr Sherifto Kijera, a teacher at Bakau Newtown, made a trip to the UK about three weeks ago.

Mrs Cradock said: "He visited the school and met the children and worked in the classrooms. We took him to see London and Birmingham and visit other schools and universities."

The children also write to each other.

## NEWS

### in brief

## Roadshows for mothers-to-be

MOTHERS-TO-BE can attend a series of roadshows to find out more about the benefits of breastfeeding.

Sessions will take place at libraries in Kidderminster, Stourport, Bewdley and Hagley.

Anthea Griffiths, Breastfeeding Co-ordinator for the Health and Care Trust, said: "Libraries are accredited places for mums to feed their babies." For more on the roadshows see [www.hacw.nhs.uk/breastfeeding](http://www.hacw.nhs.uk/breastfeeding)

## Firm in line for £130m contract

CARILLION, the Wolverhampton-based firm, is among four contractors shortlisted for the £130 million redevelopment of the Beacon Barracks at MoD Stafford.

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation has issued an invitation to submit final tenders to Carillion, Kier, Lend Lease and Skanska. The barracks are being redeveloped following an announcement that the base is to become the home of two additional regiments.

## Children's homes face tough rules

CHILDREN'S homes in crime hotspots face being shut down unless they prove they can protect vulnerable youngsters, under new proposals.

The Government wants to beef up Ofsted's powers as part of a package of measures to improve standards. Meanwhile, it was revealed that full inspection reports are to be published with the owners named, as long as it does not risk identifying children.

## Busy road shut after coach fire

A BUSY road was closed during rush hour after a coach caught fire.

The A456 Birmingham Road, Hagley, was shut off at its junction with the A491 Stourbridge Road for around two hours following the incident on Friday afternoon.

All passengers got off the coach safely.

## Football courses

FOOTBALL courses for five to 14-year-olds are being run by Kidderminster Harriers Community Trust. Call 01562 863821 for more details.

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## NEWS FEATURE

## IN MY VIEW

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THE committee on Climate Change's annual progress report – admit it, it's your favourite bit of bedtime reading, isn't it? – paints a gloomy picture for the next decade.

It warns that without strong measures, the UK will miss its climate change targets for 2017 to 2027. Too right, they had better pull their fingers out, these global warming bods.

If they don't act soon there will be no climate change at all, let alone in the next few years. Now what happened to that Mediterranean summer they promised us?

A GROUP of youngsters at Short Heath Junior School in Willenhall have been appointed as the Black Country's first 'junior PCSOs'.

But if you think this sounds like a revival of the old police cadets, which taught teenagers discipline and respect as well as providing a useful support network to the regular police, you might be a little surprised to hear what these children are being asked to do.

The junior PCSOs will be going out with clipboards and high visibility vests (what else?) targeting motorists and pointing out the error of their ways. They will be encouraged to issue special parking tickets, with a fixed penalty notice being issued by a full-time officer for the third offence.

No doubt the idea is that errant motorists will be more receptive to advice about bad parking from a young child than a uniformed adult, and it is good that these youngsters want to put something back into their community.

Yet there is still something distinctly uncomfortable about the idea of young children reprimanding their friends' parents for breaches of parking regulations.

Last month the Girl Guides were told they will no longer pledge loyalty to God and their country. Now we hear small children are being employed as junior traffic wardens.

Sometimes there is a very fine line between teaching good citizenship and indoctrination. I am not sure which side of the line this latest initiative falls under.

HEALTH minister Anna Soubry warns about the dangers of eating too much junk food, saying that a generation of children is being condemned to suffer from health problems in future because of poor diet. She says families need to be educated about the need for regular mealtimes and a healthy balanced diet.

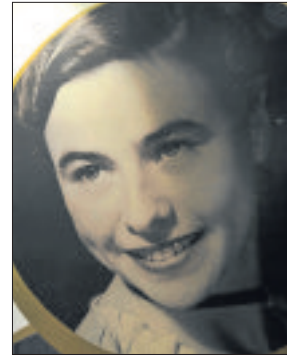
It's good to see the Chancellor of the Exchequer has taken all this on board.



Announcing the opening of a new block



A prospectus for the technical college with lecturers in the background



Sheila Holgate-Wright as a student

# Helping celebrate history of learning

The city's university is 21 years old but its history goes back much further, as **TOM MASON** finds out

**THE University of Wolverhampton has taken a look back at its history over almost 200 years as part of the celebrations that led to it being granted university status 21 years ago.**

Former and current students and lecturers gathered at the City Campus' state-of-the-art Learning Centre, off Wulfruna Street, to mark the transition from a polytechnic.

Since first being established as the Wolverhampton Mechanics and Institute and Library in 1827, the school has gone through hundreds of changes and expansions and seen more than 200,000 undergraduates come through its doors.

The first big change came at the beginning of the 20th century when it took over the running of Dudley Teacher Training College and the Municipal School of Arts and Crafts.

It would then evolve into Wolverhampton and Staffordshire Technical College, where it would work closely with local industry to keep itself at the forefront of the latest technologies.

On June 17, 1992 it became the University of Wolverhampton, shedding its polytechnic status and opened up its doors to a more diverse range of subjects.

One person who saw it during some of its changes was 84-year-old Sheila Holgate-Wright, the university's oldest surviving graduate, who in 1944, aged 15 arrived at the technical college to study science.

She needed a job, preferably one in a laboratory, but to get there she decided to study physics, chemistry and mathematics at what was then the technical college.

"It's completely changed since I was here, none of these newer buildings



Sheila Holgate-Wright, one of the oldest living graduates with the Vice Chancellor, Professor Geoff Layer, left and Professor Mike Haynes

existed just the main entrance – but it's nice being back," she said.

Working in the day with local industry, she would spend just one day a week and most evenings studying at the college in order to attain her qualifications and a place in the history books as the first female metallurgy graduate the university had ever had.

## Important

It was during her time in Wolverhampton that she met her late husband, Tony, who was born in Wolverhampton and taught in a number of local schools.

"I loved it here, it's been so important in my life, it gave me all my qualifica-

tions that I needed for the working world," said the grandmother of six.

"It's also nice knowing that the heritage is being kept alive and that the education for students remains very good."

She continued to work in the metallurgy industry, starting at local firm Zinc Alloy Rust Proofing and ending up as a fellow of the British Institute of Metallurgy, contributing technical papers and heading her own research team.

During this time she had two children before eventually ending up at her current home in Shoreham-on-Sea,

Sussex.

Vice Chancellor Professor Geoff Layer said: "Sheila is a classic example of what this university is all about."

"It's amazing to see some of the people who have contributed so much and have brilliant experiences of being part of our community."

"This university continues to provide a place for students from disadvantaged backgrounds and is proud of its past."

To celebrate its 21st year, a book entitled Opening Doors in the Heartland: The History of Wolverhampton University was launched at the event.

It chronicles the institution's past as written by a former Phd student Lib Meakin and current business lecturer, Professor Mike Haynes.

Prof Haynes began working at the university in 1975, he said: "I think the university's success relies upon the commitment of all its staff and students."

The book looks not only at the students and academics, but also those behind the scenes, from the catering staff to the security guards, whose role in keeping the facilities open is often overlooked.

## Homesick

The author said he had spoken to a lot of the behind-the-scenes staff but his favourite story was off a security guard who found a new student crying in a hallway on her own.

He said: "She was on her own and quite homesick, he took time out to make her a cup of tea and have a chat, that says a lot about the staff at this university."

The university has also staged celebrations at two of its other campuses.

At Walsall last month it held a family fun day attended by more than 1,500 people and an event celebrating enterprise for the business community was held at its Telford Innovation Campus.

Three sculptures were also commissioned from students of the university's School of Art and Design, which have gone on display at the three campuses.

## THROUGH THE YEARS

### 1983...

HUNDREDS of theatre fans flooded into Wolverhampton after the Grand Theatre opened its doors to the public for the first time in three years. The Grand hosted an open day to show off the results of a £1 million refurbishment.

WEST Midland ratepayers were left to shoulder a massive cash burden as the county council was stripped of £23 million of government grants. The cuts were announced as a result of the Labour-controlled authority flouting spending targets by nearly £17 million.

AN inseparable set of twins from Coseley who were born 20 minutes apart passed their driving tests within an hour of each other. Younger brother Robert Johnson said: "At first I did not want Peter to pass, but in the end I'm glad he did."

### 1993...

WOLVERHAMPTON-based brewery Banks's hit drinkers in the pocket after slapping a 4p a pint price increase on its best selling beers. After the changes, a pint of mild cost an average of £1.07, while bitter cost an average of £1.10.

EVERYTHING finally came up roses for Kidderminster gardener Len Scrivens after he scooped first prize in the National Rose Society's prestigious awards in St Albans. He perfected a rose called Baby Love after 20 years of painstaking experiments involving more than 7,000 discarded seedlings.

THE owner of a cattery at Penkridge was awarded the top accolade from the RSPCA – the Queen Victoria Silver Medal. Mrs Joan Felthouse, of Pillaton Farm, was presented with the award for "30 years devotion to animal welfare".

### 2003...

A WOLVERHAMPTON couple who founded the oldest taxi firm in the city came to the end of the road after 60 years of business. Peter and Sylvia Crossley, owners of Bennett's Taxis in Bushbury, decided to retire after serving the community for more than half a century.

A BILSTON choir which raised thousands of pounds for charity folded after nearly half a century of entertaining music lovers across the region. Voices in Harmony was forced to axe the choir due to losing its musical director and dwindling numbers.

A WILLENHALL couple won themselves their own £100,000 dream home after guessing its value on a television game show. Adrian Wright and Louise Harrison won the three-bedroom semi after appearing on the Channel Five show Hot Property.

## Wordsley Community Association



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## LETTERS

# HS2 could bankrupt the country

HOW much thought has gone into the development of the HS2?

With the train travelling at 250mph and no stops, allowing for acceleration and deceleration, it would take 40 minutes to travel from London to Birmingham. There would be no need for refreshment on the journey and no need for tables.

New style carriages will be needed, should these be double deck ones for extra passengers?

Tenders for rolling stock and rails would have to go out to all and sundry,

we would not be able to ring fence it into this country, England. This would be like exporting money.

Would we be able to design everything here or would we have to accept anything which companies could supply? I suspect that some governments would be helping their companies to produce the cheapest quote, (possibly using EU money). Buying from abroad would expand our unemployment numbers, a cost to our benefit system.

Do we in this country now have the

facility to produce the rails? I suspect the answer is no. Anyone supplying the rails would also want to supply anything related to them – sleepers, etc.

The more I think about this the higher the costs rise from £33bn, could it go up to £60bn or even higher than that?

Who would operate this new very costly railway system? Will HS2 bankrupt us as a nation and will we become another Greece or Spain?

**D Winterborn,**  
Broadlands Drive, Brierley Hill.

**So grateful to have had Lee as a friend**

I LOST a friend last week, and I miss him so much.

Lee Wilson was multi-talented, respected among the entertainment greats, but loved by those who had the pleasure and honour of working with him and of being close friends.

Lee supported me when I lost John, Ayli, and encouraged me to carry on when I was on the verge of "packing it in". I remember his words: "Get out there chap, you core stop work – you have me to lean on".

He was a giant among men. When he walked in to a dressing room, the place lit up. We shall, one day, be on the same bill again, because we shared the same faith. I thank God for having had Lee as my mate.

"Cheerio over kid – see you on the opening night".

**Al Smith (Aynuk),**  
Arch Hill Street,  
Netherton.

## LETTERS to the Editor

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## Fiasco won't stop US war machine

AFTER many years, millions spent, and the lives lost or ruined of some of our finest young men and women, we now enter the withdrawal phase of the Afghan fiasco.

I can predict what will now happen. We and our American masters will set up committees who will meet with Afghan leaders including the Taliban. We will offer a support package worth a vast amount of money which will be dependent on the Taliban agreeing to spend it on improving the country along Western ideals – education for women, health care for all, better infrastructure etc. The Taliban will agree to some of these conditions, and a victory will be claimed by Mr Cameron and President Obama.

Then as soon as our troops leave, the Afghans will do as they please with our money. I remember one of their leaders saying: "You have the money but we have the time, and if it takes a hundred years you will have to leave sometime".

Never mind, we can always turn our attention to Syria, the American war machine must keep rolling, and we will keep borrowing to help pay for it.

**Ron Gwilliams,** Salcombe Drive, Brierley Hill.

**A patient's praise for caring staff at hospital**

I felt I had to write to express my thanks to the staff in the imaging department at Russells Hall Hospital.

I attended on Monday, June 17, and I was in a great deal of pain and distress.

The kindness, patience, support and understanding from Dr Wolinski, nurse Penny Barford and radiographer Lorna Stenson was superb.

They were also very informative step by step about the whole procedure, which again was very reassuring.

Special thanks to Penny who spent the most time with me right up until I went home.

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**Janine Blake,**  
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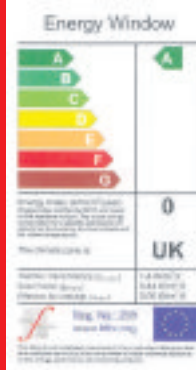
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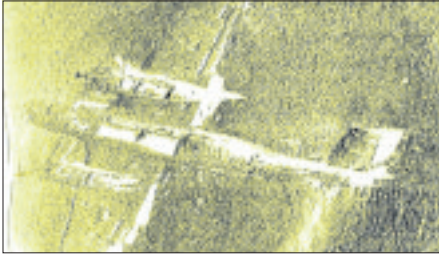
Top-scoring Defiant crew Sgt ER Thorn and Sgt F Barker who shot down two Dorniers



The Dornier at its new home, RAF Museum at Cosford



A Dornier bomber in flight during the Second World War



An underwater side scan of a twin-engined Dornier 17



New Defiants outside the Boulton Paul factory at Pendeford

# Defiant – plane that downed the Dornier

by Alex Brew

THE the remains of the world's last Dornier DO17 bomber have been raised from the bottom of the English Channel and are now at the RAF Museum at Cosford awaiting work.

The museum already had in its possession the aircraft which probably shot it down during the Battle of Britain, or at least a replica of that aircraft, a Wolverhampton-built Boulton Paul Defiant.

On May 26, 1940, at around 11.45 am, No. 264 Squadron, the first Defiant unit, were scrambled from RAF Hornchurch to meet a large German raid approaching London.

There were about 40 Heinkel bombers, and a dozen Dorniers,

escorted by about 80 Messerschmidt Bf.109 fighters.

As the Defiants attacked the Dorniers, their gunners opening fire with their powered turrets, the German fighters swooped in to attack.

Six of the Dorniers were claimed to have been shot down, though no-one knows which Defiant shot down the Dornier discovered in the sand banks off Herne Bay, Kent.

### Attacked

Two of the Dorniers were claimed by the top-scoring Defiant crew, pilot Sgt ER Thorn and gunner Sgt F Barker, who were flying a Defiant with the serial L7005. They were in turn attacked by a German Messerschmidt, and

hit in the engine coolant system. As Thorn brought L7005 in for a forced landing in a Kent field, the German attacked again, but Barker's turret still worked and he returned fire, hitting the 109, which was forced down a few fields away.

When the Boulton Paul Association decided to build a full scale model of a Defiant, it chose to paint it as L7005, the top-scoring Defiant, with 12.5 victories credited to the various crews which flew it.

That replica is now in the possession of Cosford, after the demise of the Boulton Paul Aircraft Heritage Project in April this year.

It sits in storage, awaiting the opportunity for the two adversaries to be displayed side by side – the last surviving Dornier Do.17 and the aircraft with a one third chance of having shot it down.



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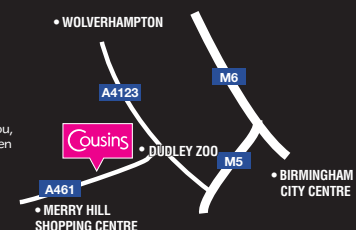
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## NEWS

# Hitchers are ordered to clean buses as penalty



The five youths caught on camera hitching a lift on the back of the bus

## Success of online police chat

A LIVE internet streaming event hosted by West Midlands Police was hit by technical glitches – but was hailed a success by the officers involved.

More than 160 people went online to watch the WMP Live event last week.

Hosted by ex-Central News presenter Llewella Bailey and Ch Insp Kerry Blakeman, it saw officers responding to questions posted live on Twitter and Facebook.

It started at 7.30pm but barely five minutes later it went off-line.

When it returned poor sound quality meant some of the officer responses not being heard.

Questions included do police dogs make good pets and do you get criticism for using a taser? The event was also used to announce that a girl missing in Walsall had been found. It was given an extra 10 minutes to run.

FIVE youths who were accused of endangering motorists by hitching a lift on the back of a bus will be put to work cleaning buses as a punishment.

The group of five roller skaters, aged between 12 and 15, held on to the back of a single decker and were pulled along Quarry Bank High Street on May 8. They were interviewed by neighbourhood police teams and warned.

They travelled more than half a mile in heavy traffic from Cradley Heath to Quarry Bank while holding on top the bus.

They were captured on camera by a passer-by and one of them even 'mooned' at her.

National Express condemned the stunt and police said that in interviews, the five admitted the offence of being carried or towed by a motor vehicle.

### Punishment

But rather than taking the matter to court, officers said resolved the matter through a form of community punishment. A community resolution is used by police officers to assess an offence, the wishes of the victim and the offender's history before deciding on punishment.

Over the next few weeks the youngsters will help clean up a bus depot yard and buses.

Pc Reg Steele, of the Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood neighbourhood policing team, said: "We agreed with National Express that a community resolution would be the best solution and would give the youngsters time to think about their reckless actions."

A National Express spokesman said they hoped the youngsters would understand the dangers of being towed.

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## NEWS

# Heritage website gets £49,000 grant boost

A HISTORY website dedicated to the heritage of the Black Country and run by the region's four councils has been handed a cash grant, which will be used to boost it with nostalgic features and films.

The Arts Council has agreed the £49,400 cash award to fund the development of the online research aid for the region.

The grant will be used by the four councils - Dudley, Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Walsall - to pay for interns, and to go towards developing the region's history website.

The site - [www.blackcountryhistory.org](http://www.blackcountryhistory.org) - has been up and running for four years, but officials are keen to develop the content further.

It is split into key areas of interest including people, featuring some of the Black Country's leading historical figures.

### Invented

These include industrialists such as Sir James Timmins Chance who was an engineer and partner in the Smethwick glassworks, Chance Brothers Ltd; Dudley's celebrated artist Percy Shakespeare, and John Johnson Shaw, who invented the seismograph at his West Bromwich home.

Articles and photos showcasing the transformation of the region famed for its smoking chimneys and scorching furnaces are also available to view.

Sandwell and Walsall will recruit two graduates for the temporary posts with the help of the £49,400 award from the Arts Council.

Wolverhampton and Dudley are taking on four interns each to work for six months thanks to the grant.

## Cub X is zoo's newest arrival



The cute Cub X, the first snow leopard to be born at Dudley Zoo for 12 years.

INTRODUCING Dudley Zoo's newest arrival - an eight-week-old snow leopard cub.

The youngster, who was born on May 2, has been nicknamed Cub X by keepers until they confirm its sex.

When it made its public debut the baby delighted visitors by playing with mum, Nanga, aged four.

Assistant curator Richard Brown, said: "Nanga is a first-time mum so it's such a relief that they have bonded well."

"You can see the baby developing every day, it's wonderful to watch, and already it seems quite a feisty little cub."

Photographer Talvinder Chohan, who captured the image of Cub X, said: "The youngster's routine at the moment is to sleep for two hours, play for five minutes, sleep for two hours, then play for another five minutes, so I had to make sure I got there in time for those crucial five minutes."

The cub is the first snow leopard to be born at Dudley Zoo in 12 years. Dad is three-year-old Margaash.

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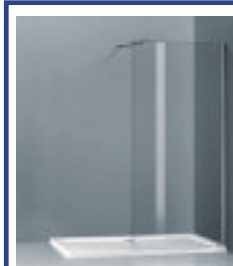


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## NEWS

# Start is due on £400k upgrade for town centre

A £400,000 project to revamp Quarry Bank High Street to make it more attractive will get under way within weeks, it has been announced

Council bosses want to breathe new life into the town centre and improve roads and footpaths.

The plans include widening the footpath and moving the guardrail outside Quarry Bank Primary School to encourage more families to walk, rather than drive, to school.

Other work includes installing new signs and improving pedestrian crossings.

### Congestion

Footpaths will also be resurfaced to make walking from homes on side streets to the main High Street shopping area easier and safer.

Dudley Council will also upgrade the existing pedestrian controlled crossing just below Woodland Avenue and High Street.

There will also be a cycle parking area created near the community centre to encourage the use of bikes and reduce traffic congestion.

by Tom Mason

The council has received funding from the West Midlands Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) to carry out some parts of the scheme this summer.

Funding bids will be drawn up by the council to help pay for other improvements at a later date, which could include installing public art and planting trees in the streets.

A nature trail could also be set up in the grounds of Christ Church.

A public consultation was held on the plans in January and February and residents and businesses were invited to have their say.

The plans were welcomed by Councillor Bryan Cotterill, who represents Quarry Bank.

He said: "It will be a big improvement and is really going to make a difference."

## Stuart shrugs off an injury to aim high



Stuart Starkey is determined to climb Mount Kilimanjaro

AN electrician from Halesowen is determined to achieve his childhood ambition of climbing Africa's highest mountain.

And not even a foot injury will keep Stuart Starkey, aged 35, from scaling Mount Kilimanjaro.

Stuart is planning to visit Tanzania in August with seven others to raise money for the charity The Oakland Foundation, which helps single-parent families.

The strenuous training regime for the ascent of the 19,341ft mountain has left the electrician, who owns Starkey Electrical, based in Manor Lane, Lapal, with a foot injury.

But the father-of-two said: "I'm going anyway because I don't do failure."

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Sunrise Medical took stock and five years ago began talking with dealers and the National Health Service about designs for a new type of wheelchair.

## Determined

The resulting model, called the Quickie Salsa M, was launched in 2010 and was a success.

Since its launch thousands have been sold to hospital trusts and other clients across the country, and overseas.

It was followed just weeks ago by the smaller Quickie Hula, which already has sparked a lot of interest. The firm has dozens of orders waiting to be delivered.

Vice president of commercial operations, Jim Barratt, said: "The business was still determined to invest in the UK."

He added: "It's about using the skill set we have to deliver."



Iain Wright, right, shadow minister for competitiveness and enterprise, at the Sunrise Medical base with the firm's vice president Jim Barratt

## Deaths on road fall to a record low

THE number of people killed on the roads fell to a record low last year. There were 1,754 deaths on British roads in 2012 – an eight per cent dip on the 2011 figure, the Office for National Statistics said.

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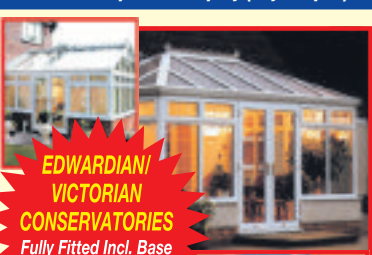
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## NEWS

# New start for tea room after closure of market

A WELL-KNOWN tea room in Brierley Hill has moved to new premises after leaving the town's Concord Market, which has shut.

Polly's Tea Room was a popular feature of the market for more than 20 years but faced an uncertain future when the market owner announced it would close.

But owner of the tea room Mandy Merrick decided to continue the business, and has moved into a former shop in Maple Row, off Mill Street.

Describing the demise of the indoor market as sad, Mrs Merrick said the tea room had to move on to further establish itself in the town.

She said: "It has been a sad time for everyone involved in the market, all our customers say it is awful."

"But this is a reflection of the way things are going up and down the country right now."

### Customers

"Indoor markets aren't as popular as they used to be, especially when you have large shopping outlets such as Merry Hill round the corner. Markets are old fashioned and we need to move on with the times, find a new shop and continue the service we provide for our loyal customers."

"We also hope to branch our appeal further to students and provide take-aways."

Mrs Merrick took over the business four years ago after leaving a job at Dudley Council. Her business, which employs three, also has a kitchen at Myles Court, which provides food to 91 flats. She said: "We have a very good customer base. I think they like the fact we are more like a friendly family and our staff have worked here for many, many years."

Market owner Shane Birch-Bastock blamed the closure on dwindling trade.



Debbie Shepherd, tea room owner Mandy Merrick, and Doreen Jeavons

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# Borough flies flag to commemorate Armed Forces

## Appeal on food bank



Himley Hall is the backdrop as flags are raised on Armed Forces Day

VETERANS and serving servicemen and women were honoured by thousands across the Midlands in ceremonies to commemorate the bravery and sacrifice of the Armed Forces.

A host of events were held in the region to mark national Armed Forces Day over the course of the weekend.

Glorious sunshine brought thousands of people to Himley Hall for Dudley borough's celebrations on Sunday.

Families enjoyed fair rides, a climbing wall, games and displays of military vehicles at the event in the grounds of the manor house.

Marching bands and music from the D-Day Darlings singers also entertained the crowds.

The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch, welcomed civic and military officials to the event.

He also presented veterans with their HM Armed Forces Veterans Badges, Arctic Star or Bomber Command clasp in a special ceremony.

Councillor Finch said: "Armed Forces Day is one of our biggest and most popular events and it was wonderful to see so many people at Himley Hall."

"We are very proud of our close relationship with the Armed Forces and hope this goes some way to expressing our gratitude for all that they do. Thank you to everyone who came along and made this such a massive success."

### Salute

Residents gathered around Oldbury's civic square on Saturday as Sandwell came together in celebration.

Soldiers and veterans proudly paraded outside Sandwell Council House and the cenotaph. This was followed by a salute and address to the day's festivities including military displays, vehicles and information stands. Mayor of Sandwell, Councillor Linda Horton, took the salute.



The D-Day Darlings entertain the crowds

A RALLYING call has gone out to shoppers to be generous and help those in need.

A food collection is being held at Dudley's Tesco Extra on Birmingham Road this Friday and Saturday.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin and his team are among those who will be collecting goods for local charities and people in need.

"Families in Dudley are really struggling to make ends meet," he said.

"Living standards are under real pressure as prices are rising but wages are staying the same," he said.

It is organised by the Trussell Trust.

## Ward shake-up gets under way

A CONSULTATION on proposals to reduce the number of councillors in Wyre Forest has been launched by the Boundary Commission.



John Campion

It follows a vote by the council to consider trimming the number of members, something that Conservative leader councillor John Campion has said is 'the right thing to do in

times of economic difficulties and when the number of staff have been reduced'.

The commission is now consulting with residents on a proposal that would see the authority reduced from 42 to 33 councillors. Residents are being asked whether they think 33 is the right number. The consultation will run until August 6.

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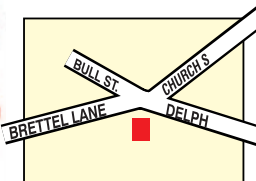
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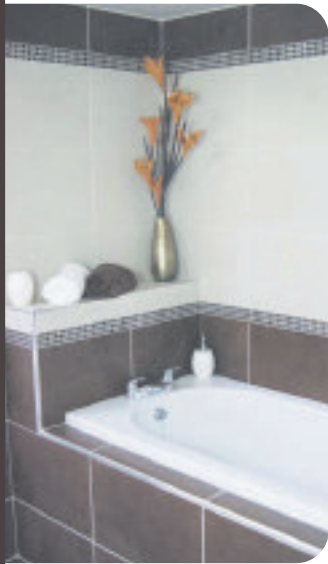
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## CLUB NEWS

Comedy writer is the visitor

Prickly guest given a warm club welcome

### K'FORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

THE chairman welcomed everyone to a lovely evening for the June meeting.

The previous minutes were read, approved and signed. The financial report was read out.

Christobel reported a luncheon had been arranged at The Fox, at Shipley on July 11.

Ken Rock introduced himself as a comedy writer to the stars.

He began his working life as a qualified engineer but became involved with a newly-formed drama group and wrote the script for their first production of Cinderella. It was well received and his new career had begun.

After several rejections of his scripts, he was accepted by Ken Dodd, for whom he wrote for many years.

Over the years he has written for Dave Allen, Roy Hudd, Kenneth Williams, The Two Ronnies and many more.

A well known sketch involving Dave Allen and a diving rod is still shown at various times all over the world, for which he is still paid royalties.

Christobel thanked Ken for this most interesting talk. Three lucky ladies each won a raffle prize.

New members are always welcome. Meetings are at the Royal British Legion at 7.45pm.



Chairman Carol Pritchard with Joan Lockley and Cellie the hedgehog

AT THE June meeting chairman Carol Pritchard welcomed Joan Lockley from West Midlands Hedgehog Rescue. Joan brought along "Cellie" a full grown male hedgehog. Cellie was carried around and introduced to the ladies one by one by club member Isabel Mason.

Joan gave an extremely interesting and informative talk on hedgehog welfare which included food and how to feed them, the dangers hedgehogs face in our gardens and

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what to do if you find a sick or injured hedgehog. The talk was greatly enjoyed and there were many questions and queries at the end of the talk. Joan's telephone number is 01922 419532.

The next meeting on July 8 is the AGM, but on August 12 a speaker is invited.

## Fish and chips wins vote

### WALL HEATH EVENING TG

CHAIRMAN and secretary Pat Purcell welcomed members to the June meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and the financial account given by treasurer Elaine Griffiths.

Names were taken for lunch on July 30 at the

Glassmakers, Audnam. Discussion was held on where to hold the next birthday luncheon, and whether to have a buffet or fish and chips at the harvest supper. Fish and chips won. Brenda

Mercer won the raffle. Speaker Mike Crockett gave an informative and illustrated talk on 'Fingerprints'. Pat Purcell gave thanks.

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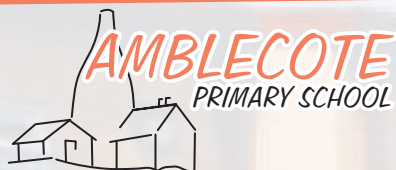
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## NEWS

# Fire at recycling plant will burn for weeks

A HUGE blaze which ripped through a recycling plant in Kidderminster last month is expected to burn for several weeks.

Firefighters have been maintaining a daily presence at the Lawrence Recycling site, in Stourport Road, and they say the fire-hit building is structurally unsound.

Council, health and fire service bosses say there is ongoing monitoring of the site as they endeavour to limit the impact of the fire on the community since it broke out on June 16.

They said smoke from the site was likely to be an intermittent problem for nearby businesses and their staff.

The agencies have considered demolishing the fire-ravaged plant but said the costs, which could run into several hundred thousand pounds, could not be justified.

### Strategy

Chief executive of Wyre Forest District Council Ian Miller chaired a meeting last week with representatives of Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service, Public Health England, the Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water and Worcestershire County Council.

He Miller said: "The agencies decided that the strategy of a controlled burn should continue. The fire will burn itself out and this process could take several weeks. There are no overriding reasons relating to protecting public health, the environment or neighbouring properties to justify alternative actions at this time."

The Environment Agency has served the company with a temporary suspension notice which prevents it from accepting any more waste on the site.



The Lawrence Recycling Plant, in Stourport Road, which was hit by a fire

## Hopes that rubbish mountain will go

PEOPLE faced with a rubbish mountain overlooking their homes are at the 'beginning of the end' in their campaign to see the pile removed, a community leader said.

Ward councillor Rachel Harris has dismissed fears the 40ft high rubbish pile at Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd, in Brierley Hill, will never be cleared – even if boss Robert McNaughton is

jailed for not taking action to remove it. Mr McNaughton has been told by a High Court judge he will be jailed for six months if he does not move the rubbish by September 10.

Councillor Harris said the Environment Agency would work to remove the waste, and potentially bill Mr McNaughton for the work, if he was put behind bars.

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## Number of dumped pets on rise

PETS have been found dumped in bins, boxes and even a cemetery in the run-up to the summer holidays as owners abandon them rather than pay for their care while they are away, the RSPCA said.

The charity said there had been an 'alarming increase' in animals being dumped.

In the last year, the charity said it had been called out to rescue more than 37,000 abandoned animals.

# Horse found choking at nature reserve prompts calls for action

**A HORSE found suffocating at a nature reserve has prompted calls for a community group to be set up to monitor the safety of animals kept there.**

The horse was found strangling on its chain tether under a tree at the Fens Pool Nature Reserve in Pensnett, near Dudley, by a woman last week.

She called the police and RSPCA, before eventually tracking down the animal's

owner. The woman, who asked not to be named, urged councillors to take action at a community forum for Brierley Hill, Brockmoor and Pensnett.

In response, the meeting proposed a neighbourhood watch-style group to be set up at the park to check on the welfare of the horses illegally tethered there.

The calls follow years of concern voiced by residents in the area over the condition of horses at the site.

Councillor Zafar Islam said: "I want to

first salute this woman for the actions she took to save this horse's life – it was clearly a distressing situation and she did what she could to help the animal.

"I believe we need to see if a group can be established to provide eyes over the nature reserve and swiftly report any animal suffering to the appropriate authorities.

"This is clearly a concern for many people and it has been going on for a long time. But the police, council wardens and RSPCA can't be there round the clock."

It is believed about 40 horses are tethered at the nature reserve. Many are not microchipped, making it difficult to track their owners.

They are left tied up with a bucket of water and some feed. Councillor Karen Jordan said the council had a dedicated phone service for people to report concerns. But she agreed more could be done.

The woman who found the horse said: "Never have I seen a horse so close to dying – the whole thing upsets me so much."

## Top award landed by university

THE University of Wolverhampton has won an award for engaging with business.

It bagged the Knowledge Exchange/Transfer Initiative of the Year category at the Times Higher Education Leadership and Management Awards. The accolade was for the Wolverhampton Business Solutions Centre – a collaboration between the university, the City of Wolverhampton College, the Black Country Chamber of Commerce and Wolverhampton City Council.

## Scout hut is a hit



Scouts enjoying their newly-opened Rowley Regis base IT took years of hard graft, but a group of Halesowen Scouts and Guides are now settling into their new home.

The hut on St Ambrose Close had not had any work done on it since it was built in 1978.

But after raising £60,000 with the help of grants from Halesowen Area Committee and landlord St Modwen, the Scouts and Guides of 1st Coombs Wood had the building rebuilt.

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# What's On! Stourbridge

## Revealing play at Oldbury Rep

LADIES at Oldbury Repertory Theatre will be taking their clothes off for their next play – but it is all in the best possible taste.

The company is staging poignant and popular Calendar Girls. The bitter-sweet comedy runs from Saturday, July 6, to July 13, excluding Sundays. Performances start at 7.30pm at the theatre on Spring Walk, Langley.

Tickets are priced at £8, concessions are £7 and there is a special price of £6 for Monday and Tuesday evenings. To book call 0121 552 2761.

## Bands lines up as gig is announced

A GIG at the Courthouse in Dudley in August will feature a host of bands.

Witness will headline the event at the New Street venue on August 30. Also playing will be Only The Good, Kixxer, Scart Issue – a tribute to The Red Hot Chili Peppers – and Canary Adams.

Doors open at 7pm and the show will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £4 and are available by calling 01384 815347. Some tickets will be available on the door.

## Will in Cabaret

POP Idol winner Will Young is heading to Wolverhampton to star in a production of the classic musical Cabaret. Following a sell-out West End run the show will be performed at the Grand Theatre from November 26 to 30.

# Dancing Dani to be naughty at Rocky's 40th anniversary

## Best of brass in concert at The Public



Public concert – Langley Brass Band will be raising funds for new instruments and to rebuild their band room

LANGLEY Brass Band, one of the oldest brass bands in the Midlands, will be performing at The Public in West Bromwich on Saturday in a concert entitled Summer Brass.

The band, formed in 1878, includes 30 players from all walks of life ranging in age from 16 to 67. They have toured the UK and Europe, won many prestigious competitions and

also featured in popular the British-made film, Brassed Off.

The band will be playing a wide variety of music from pop and film scores to classical pieces.

Proceeds from the band's first concert at the town centre arts venue The Public will be used to help the band rebuild their dilapidated band room and buy new music and instru-

ments. Linda Saunders, managing director of The Public said: "Langley Brass Band are one of the most loved brass bands in the Midlands who are incredibly proud of their Black Country roots."

Summer Brass will take place on July 6 at 7pm. Tickets are £8 and are available from www.thepublic.com or by calling 0121 533 7161.

DANI Harmer, finalist in Strictly Come Dancing 2012 and star of Tracy Beaker, will play squeaky clean college student Janet in the 40th Anniversary production of the Rocky Horror Show during the production's scheduled stop off at Wolverhampton this autumn.

Dani will be joined on stage at the Grand Theatre, from October 28 to November 2, by rising star of the West End Ben Forster in the role of her fiancée Brad. Forster shot to fame after winning the popular ITV1 series Superstar and went on to play the lead in Jesus Christ Superstar on its Arena tour.

Joining Dani and Ben in the role of the scandalous Frank 'n' Furter is Oliver Thornton, whose West End credits include Priscilla Queen of the Desert.

## Warp

Since its first appearance in London in June 1973, Richard O'Brien's Rocky Horror Show has become the world's favourite shock 'n' roll musical.

To celebrate the 40th anniversary, Christopher Luscombe has created a new production of the Time Warp musical for a year-long UK tour, on which audiences are often as rude and weirdly dressed as the characters on stage.

Tickets can be bought by calling 01902 42 292 12 or online via the www.grandtheatre.co.uk website.



Dani Harmer as Janet in the Rocky Horror Show

## REVIEW

### Murder in Play, Grand Theatre

EVERY summer, audiences look forward to the Ian Dickens' Summer Play Season arriving at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre and this was no exception with the opening of the first of four productions, Murder in Play, by Simon Brett.

The basic plot isn't a taxing tale – the wife of theatre director, Boris Smolskey is murdered at a dress rehearsal for his latest play and so the race is on to discover whodunit. However the seemingly simple story does become rather over complicated as time goes on.

## Disjointed

Any production which is a play within a play can be difficult for audiences to decipher and equally difficult for actors to portray, especially if there are twists and turns galore as with this piece, but the cast do an admirable job, keeping the rather disjointed script flowing and bringing out as much humour as possible via a host of peculiar, dual-characters and farcical situations.

EastEnders star, Dean Gaffney plays to his strengths, giving an amusing performance in his trademark gravelly voice, as both his characters, Major Pirbright, whose facial tic was the cause of many a laugh out loud moment and Tim Ferner, the love-struck young man eager to clear his girlfriend's name when she is accused of the murder.

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## What's On!

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## CHOICE



Eric Sykes

**The Late Great Eric Sykes**  
**BBC2, 9.45pm**

Eric Sykes devoted his life to making people laugh, so the world was a lot duller with his death on July 4 last year. Now, one year on, there's another chance to see this tribute documentary featuring Eddie Izzard, Russ Abbot, Michael Palin, Bruce Forsyth and film director Mike Newell. Covering his start at Oldham Rep, success in sitcom land, and movies such as The Others, Son of Rambow and Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, this is a fitting tribute to a comedy legend which is well worth a second screening

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **12.15** Cowboy Trap. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. **1.30** Wimbledon 2013. **5.55** Formula 1: German Grand Prix - Qualifying.

**7.10** BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

**7.30** **Pointless Celebrities.** Featuring Ulrika Jonsson, Rowland Lanyon, David Hamilton and Tony Blackburn. (R)

**8.20** **The National Lottery: In It to Win It.** Dale Winton hosts the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the National Lottery draws, presented by Jenni Falconer.

**9.10** **Casualty.** Sam and Fletch doubt whether a mugging victim is telling the truth, while Tom suspects a young boy is being abused. Louise is angry with Big Mac for taking pity on a homeless man.

**10.00** **Mrs Brown's Boys.** Agnes tries to solve son Dermot's relationship problems by giving his girlfriend advice, and Grandad ends up in hospital after Dr Flynn's attempt to read his temperature goes awry. (R)

**10.30** BBC News: Weather: National Lottery Update.

**10.50** **Film: King Arthur.** (2004) A Roman commander in fifth-century Britain comes to realise his true destiny is to lead the people against Saxon invaders. Adventure, starring Clive Owen.

**12.45** Weather. **12.50** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **7.05** **Film:** Government Girl. (1943) Romantic comedy, with Olivia de Havilland and Sonny Tufts. **8.35** **Film:** Days of Glory. (1944) Second World War adventure, starring Gregory Peck. **10.00** A History of Scotland. (R) **11.00** Life in the Freezer. (R) **11.30** Life in the Freezer. (R) **12.00** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **12.45** The Great British Bake Off Masterclass. (R) **1.45** Coast. (R) **1.50** Talking Pictures. **2.25** **Film:** Duel in the Sun. (1946) Western, starring Gregory Peck. **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.30** Wimbledon 2013. The finals of the men's and ladies' doubles.

**8.00** **Today at Wimbledon.** John Inverdale and guests look back at highlights of the ladies' singles final at the All England Club, where the third Grand Slam title of the year was set to be decided.

**9.00** **QI X.** Stephen Fry is joined by Ronni Ancona, Dave Gorman, Lee Mack and regular panellist Alan Davies on an extended edition of the quiz with a difference. (R)

**9.45** **The Late Great Eric Sykes.** A tribute to the comedy writer and actor whose career spanned more than 50 years, featuring contributions by Eddie Izzard, Michael Palin and Mike Newell. (R)

**10.45** **Film: In the Loop.** (2009) A witless government minister gets out of his depth in international politics after suggesting a war is imminent. Satirical comedy, with Peter Capaldi and the late James Gandolfini.

**12.25** **Film:** The Boys and Girl from County Clare. (2003) Musical comedy, with Bernard Hill and Colm Meaney. **1.50** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes.

## ITV

**6.00** CITY: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. **7.20** Kick Buttowski - Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.00** Gravity Falls. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Dinner Date. (R) **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** Saturday Farm. **12.15** ITV News: Weather. **12.20** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.05** Me and My Guide Dog. (R) **2.05** Midsomer Murders. (R) **4.05** Film: Step Up. (2006)

**6.00** **Regional Programme:** Weather.

**6.15** **ITV News:** Weather.

**6.30** **You've Been Framed!** (R) **7.00** **You've Been Framed!** Humorous footage, including an out-of-control rally car. (R)

**7.30** **Your Face Sounds Familiar.** Guest judge Cilla Black joins Emma Bunton and Julian Clary on the panel as the celebrities impersonate more randomly selected music icons. Alesha Dixon and Paddy McGuinness host.

**8.45** **All Star Family Fortunes.** Boxer David Haye and actress Georgia May Foote (Coronation Street's Katy Armstrong) team up with their families in an attempt to win money for charity. Vernon Kay hosts.

**9.45** **The Americans.**

**10.35** **ITV News:** Weather.

**10.50** **Film: Wanted.** (2008) Action adventure, starring James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie, Morgan Freeman and Terence Stamp.

**12.50** Jackpot247. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Ginebra Challenge. **7.00** The Grid. **7.30** FIM Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.05** Frasier. (R) **10.35** Frasier. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Secret Millionaire Ireland. **1.35** Channel 4 Racing. **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.55** Come Dine with Me. (R)

**6.25** **Come Dine with Me.** Jane Arnold hosts the final dinner party in Salisbury, Wiltshire. (R)

**6.55** **Channel 4 News.**

**7.25** **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCulloch meets a couple trying to build a contemporary mansion on a south London estate, but are struggling with the dozens of design decisions they must make. (R)

**8.20** **The Million Pound Drop Live.** Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants are challenged to place large quantities of cash over trapdoors as they face a series of questions.

**10.00** **Film: Scott Pilgrim vs The World.** (2010) Premiere. A bassist meets the girl of his dreams - but finds she has seven evil ex-lovers he must defeat. Comedy adventure, starring Michael Cera and Mary Elizabeth Winstead.

**12.10** **Film: Tenacious D in The Pick of Destiny.** (2006) **1.55** Them That Thing. (R) **2.20** The Million Pound Drop Live. (R) **3.45** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.50** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** ThunderCats. (R) **11.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.00** Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) **1.25** Film: Torpedo Run. (1956) **3.15** Film: Away All Boats. (1956) **5.30** CSI: NY. (R)

**6.25** **CSI: NY.** Stella tries to prove an apparent suicide is a murder case. (R)

**7.10** **The CSI Movie: Fallen.** Feature-length episode. A series of puzzle pieces leads the CSIs to two murders, and evidence suggests the killer is targeting people from a university psychology department.

**8.55** **5 News Weekend.**

**9.00** **Big Brother.** Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the third eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.

**10.00** **Big Brother's Bit on the Psych.** Al Odudu is joined by a panel of psychologists and celebrity fans to analyse the housemates' behaviour.

**11.00** **The Walking Dead.** Rick and the others collaborate with the new group of survivors, while Carol practises a C-section on a dead walker in preparation for the operation she may have to perform on Lori.

**11.55** Inside Hollywood. Magazine show.

**12.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Live Athletics **9.00** Film: V for Vendetta (2005) Futuristic action thriller, with Natalie Portman. **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Heritage! The Battle for Britain's Past **8.00** Oceans **9.00** Wallander: The Fifth Woman **11.00** Forever Young - How Rock 'n' Roll Grew Up  
**ITV2**  
**1.35** You've Been Framed! Kids Special **4.15** Film: Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (2005) **7.00** Film: Evan Almighty (2007) **9.00** Film: Shaun of the Dead (2004) **11.05** Lemon La Vida Loca **11.50** Film: Duplicity (2009)

**ITV4**  
**2.50** Film: The Three Musketeers (1973) **5.00** Lewis **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Endeavour. Prequel to Inspector Morse set in 1965, starring Shaun Evans. **11.05** Cold Blood  
**ITV4**  
**1.30** Tour de France 2013 Live. The eighth stage of the prestigious race. **4.30** Police, Camera, Action! **5.00** Black Gold **6.00** The Motorbike Show **7.00** Tour de France 2013 Highlights **8.00** Darts: European Championship Live. The European Championship. **11.00** Hell on Wheels  
**E4**  
**5.30** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Happy Endings **8.30** 2 Broke Girls **9.00** Film: Wedding Crashers (2005) **11.20** The Inbetweeners  
**Film4**  
**1.30** Carry On Sergeant (1958) **4.50** Imagine That (2009) **6.55** Crocodile Dundee II (1988) **9.00** Terminator Salvation (2009) **11.15** Assault on Precinct 13 (2005)

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## CHOICE



Ben Shephard

## Tipping Point: Lucky Stars

**ITV, 7pm**  
Does Ben Shephard ever get a chance to sit down and put his feet up? After all, the poor chap always seems to be on the go. He's a regular presenter of football coverage on Sky Sports, so you'd think that now, during the close season, he'd be keen on enjoying a bit of R&R. But no, he's hosting this slightly bonkers celebrity game show – maybe he sees it as an unmissable opportunity to meet some of the UK's most famous faces. This week, Ben will be rubbing shoulders with John Thomson, Simon Gregson and Ricky Tomlinson.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast, 9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** The Muslim Premier League. **12.50** Wimbledon 2013.

**6.00 Formula 1: German Grand Prix.** Suzi Perry presents action from the ninth round of the season at the Nurburgring, which last played host to the German Grand Prix in 2011.

**7.30 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

**8.00 Countryfile.** Matt Baker, John Craven and Jules Hudson explore the Cambrian Mountains and Elen Valley in Wales. Plus, a project in which working horses have become more useful than tractors; Weather for the Week Ahead.

**9.00 The White Queen.** Warwick arrives in France, where he starts plotting to restore Henry VI to the throne – so Elizabeth secretly arranges for George to switch sides and come back to England.

**10.00 BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

**10.25 Luther.** The maverick cop searches for a copycat killer murdering women in a horrific case from the 1980s. Tough crime drama, starring Idris Elba. (R)

**11.25 Live at the Apollo.** Stand-up comedy from the Hammersmith Apollo, where guest host Sean Lock introduces a set by Liverpoolian comic John Bishop. (R)

**11.55 The Sky at Night.** **12.15 Film:** Kluge. (1971) **2.05** Weatherview. **2.10** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00 This Is BBC Two.** **7.10 Film:** Spirit of the People. (1940) **9.00** Monty Don's French Gardens. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** What to Eat Now. (R) **12.00** EastEnders. (R) **1.50** Flog It. (R)

**2.50 Nature's Wildest Events.** (R) **3.50** Nature's Wildest Events. (R) **4.50** Songs of Praise. (R) **5.30** Coast. (R)

**6.00 Wimbledon 2013.** Sue Barker presents live coverage of the concluding day of the championships at the All England Club, where the men's singles and mixed doubles finals were expected to take place. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

**8.00 Top Gear.** Jeremy Clarkson drives the Ferrari F12 Berlinetta. Richard Hammond seeks the world's best taxi and James May pays tribute to the former BBC Television Centre. With guest Ron Howard.

**9.00 Burma, My Father and the Forgotten Army.** Griff Rhys Jones visits Ghana and Burma as he explores the stories of the Africans and Asians who fought for the Allies during the Second World War.

**10.00 Blackadder II.** Edmund and Lord Melchett are kidnapped. Last in the series. (R)

**10.35 Mock the Week.** With Milton Jones, Ed Byrne and Ava Vidal. (R)

**11.05 What a Load of Buzzcocks.** (R)

**11.35 Today at Wimbledon.** A look back at the men's singles final.

**12.35 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** (R) **1.30** Holy City. (R) **2.30** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00 CITV:** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. **7.20** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **7.30** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes. **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday.

**9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.25** Film: Death on the Nile. (1978)

**2.05** Love Your Garden. (R) **3.05** A Touch of Frost. (R) **5.05** Film: Johnny English. (2003)

**6.35 Regional Programme;** Weather.

**6.45** **ITV News;** Weather. **7.00** **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** Actors Simon Gregson, John Thomson and Ricky Tomlinson take part in the quiz, in which contestants answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine.

**8.00 All Star Mr & Mrs.** With actress Sally Lindsay and rock drummer Steve White, Hi-de-Hi! star Ruth Madoc with her husband John Jackson, and chef Gary Rhodes and his wife Jennie. Phillip Schofield hosts.

**9.00 Film: Mamma Mia!** (2008) A bride asks three of her mother's old flames to her wedding to learn which one is her father. Musical comedy featuring Abba songs, starring Meryl Streep.

**11.05** **ITV News;** Weather. **11.25** **The Talent Show Story.** (R) **12.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.10** The Store. **2.55** Monk. (R) **3.40** Motorsport UK. **4.30** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Blancpain Endurance Series. **7.30** Ironman 2013. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.20** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.45** The Simpsons. (R) **1.15** The Simpsons. (R) **1.45** Film: Baby's Day Out. (1994)

Family comedy, with Joe Mantegna. **3.40** Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Deal or No Deal. **5.45** Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks. (2007) Children's comedy, starring Jason Lee.

**7.35** **Channel 4 News.** **8.00** **The Lost Submarine of WWI: A Time Team Special.** Tony Robinson and historian Innes McCartney uncover the experimental origins of Britain's Submarine Service, through a series of wreck dives and underwater blast tests.

**9.00** **The Returned.** Camille is rejected by Frederic, Simon is abruptly separated from Adele and Chloe, and Lena is nursed by the serial killer as he strives to keep his impulses under control.

**10.10** **Film: Hot Tub Time Machine.** (2010) Three unhappy friends travel back in time to their youth in 1986 and are tempted to give themselves the lives they always wanted. Sci-fi comedy, starring John Cusack and Clark Duke.

**12.05** **Film: The Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult.** (1994) **1.30** **Film:** Letters from Iwo Jima. (2006) Second World War drama, starring Ken Watanabe. **3.50** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.45** Countdown. (R) **5.30** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R) **5.55** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerbuds. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jamm. **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** ThunderCats. (R) **11.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.30** Monkey Life. (R) **12.00** Big Brother. (R) **12.55** BB BOTS: Rylan's Supervised Celebrity Sunday. **1.55** **Film:** Teen Wolf Too. (1987) **3.45** **Film:** Harry and the Hendersons. (1987)

**6.00** **Film: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.** (1968) Children's musical adventure, starring Dick Van Dyke, Lionel Jeffries, Sally Ann Howes and Gert Frobe.

**8.55** **5 News Weekend.** **9.00** **Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights.

**10.00** **Film: The Siege.** (1998) Thriller, starring Denzel Washington. **12.10** **The Town the Travellers Took Over.** (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Great TV Mistakes **8.00** **Film:** Bend It Like Beckham (2002) **9.45** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **10.30** Family Guy **11.15** American Dad!

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Charles Darwin and the Tree of Life **8.00** Timeshift: Between the Lines – Railways in Fiction and Film **9.00** Alice Walker: Beauty in Truth **10.00** **Film:** Oslo, August 31st (2011) **11.30** Paul McCartney & Wings: Rockshow

**ITV2**  
**2.45** **Film:** You've Got Mail (1998) **5.05** **Film:** Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope (1977) **7.30** **Film:** Ocean's Thirteen (2007) **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50** Big Rich Texas **11.50** Hell's Kitchen

**ITV3**  
**2.35** **Film:** Rising Damp (1980) **4.35** Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.45** Wycliffe **6.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** A Touch of Frost **11.15** Blue Murder

**ITV4**  
**12.00** Tour de France 2013 Live **4.00** Police, Camera, Action! **5.00** World's Wildest Police Videos **5.55** The Professionals **7.00** Tour de France 2013 Highlights **8.00** Darts: European Championship Live. The European Championship. **11.00** **Film:** Driven to Kill (2009)

**E4**  
**4.35** 90210 **5.35** The Mindy Project **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** New Girl **8.00** **Film:** The Golden Child (1986) **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.05** Skins: Fire – Part One

**Film4**  
**2.50** The Iron Giant (1999) **4.30** The Searchers (1956) **6.50** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) **9.00** Skyline (2010) **10.50** Dead Man's Shoes (2004)

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## What's On!

### Film Choices

#### MONDAY

**Tora! Tora! Tora!, Channel 4, 12.25pm**

Fact-based Second World War drama recounting the bombing of Pearl Harbour from both the Japanese and American perspectives, reconstructing the events leading up to the devastating attack on the US naval base in 1941. Starring Martin Balsam, So Yamamura, Joseph Cotten and Jason Robards. (1970)

**Gospel of Deceit, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A preacher's wife has an affair with a mysterious drifter who has been given a place to stay by her husband. She comes to realise that her marriage is too important to throw away and breaks off the fling, only to find her spurned lover has a dangerous side to his nature. Thriller, starring Alexandra Paul. (2006)

#### TUESDAY

**After the Fall, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A competitive showjumper is preparing to compete in a regional competition when she falls off her horse, and is left paralysed by her injuries. With the aid of her family and friends, she makes a determined effort to learn how to walk again. Drama, starring Andrea Bowen, Greg Evigan, Gail O'Grady and Rick Malambri. (2010)



Jarhead, Friday, ITV, 10.35pm

#### WEDNESDAY

**Next Stop Murder, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A woman discusses her family problems with a stranger she meets on a bus, but is horrified when her confidante suggests each of them kill the person making the other's life difficult. As her murderous acquaintance grows increasingly obsessive, she begins to suspect there is more to the deadly plot than meets the eye. Thriller, starring Brigid Brannagh. (2010)

#### THURSDAY

**The King's Speech, Film4, 9pm**

The younger son of George V struggles to cope with an uncontrollable stammer, prompting his wife to enlist the aid of an eccentric Australian speech therapist. The support and friendship of the doctor prove invaluable when a crisis places the repressed prince on the throne, just as the outbreak of the Second World War leaves the country in need of a strong king. Oscar-winning fact-based drama, starring Colin Firth. (2010)

#### FRIDAY

**Jarhead, ITV, 10.35pm**

A fresh-faced Marine's boot-camp training turns into a real tour of duty when he is sent to fight in the first Gulf War. However, the desert action is not what the new recruit expected – the willing soldiers are forced to wait for hours in searing heat, while their day is punctuated by moments of terror. Drama, based on the book by veteran Anthony Swofford, starring Jake Gyllenhaal. (2005)

### Pick of the Week

## Mapping the chances of finding Keith's remains

It's half a century since they first struck, but the names Ian Brady and Myra Hindley still send a shiver down the spine.

Perhaps they always will. After all, their crimes shook the nation, and reading about them now, all these decades later, is still chilling. Brady and Hindley were lovers when they carried out the notorious Moors Murders between July 1963 and October 1965, during which time they killed five children ranging in age from 10 to 17; at least four of their victims were also sexually assaulted.

The murders were described to be a result of a "concatenation of circumstance" by Malcolm MacCulloch, professor of forensic psychiatry at Cardiff University, who described the killers as "a young woman with a tough personality, taught to hand out and receive violence from an early age" and a "sexually sadistic psychopath".

Initially Hindley and Brady were convicted of three murders (those of Edward Evans, Lesley Anne

Downey and John Kilbride), but later confessed to also killing Pauline Reade and Keith Bennett; Pauline's body was later found on Saddleworth Moor, close to the graves of their other victims – but the whereabouts of Keith's remains are still unknown, despite several searches of the area.

Hindley took the secret of his resting place to her own grave – she died in 2002 at the age of 60. But many believe that Brady knows exactly where he is, but refuses to tell anybody; Keith's mother Winnie died in 2012 without ever finding out.

However, with Brady back in the news recently following a hearing in which he attempted to secure a move from the high-security Ashworth Hospital to a regular prison, the search for the 12-year-old is back in the spotlight.

Journalist and documentary-maker Duncan Staff is behind this chilling and, at times, moving documentary about the Moors Murders, which focuses predominantly on where Keith's body may be.

Staff had access to many of Hindley's papers following her death, and claims that photographs taken by the duo were often 'grave markers', i.e. they took them on the spot where they buried their victims. He also believes a selection shot at a Staffordshire beauty spot called Ramshaw Rocks could reveal where Keith might be found.

This is not the first time Staff has put forward this theory – it also features in his book *The Lost Boy*, but perhaps this time, greater exposure gained via TV will prompt the police to take a closer look at the area.

Staff describes the documentary as: "a look at the relationship between Hindley and Brady during the murders and their manipulation of evidence. I think it will raise one or two important questions about the investigations which have yet to be solved."

Let's hope for the sake of the remaining members of Keith's family that proves to be the case, but whatever happens, it seems that Brady and Hindley – and their terrible crimes – will never be forgotten.



Brady and Hindley: Possession, Thursday, ITV, 9pm

### Best of the Rest

#### MONDAY

**The Apprentice: The Final Five BBC1, 9pm**

On Wednesday, the remaining five would-be entrepreneurs will face their toughest task so far – interviews. As seasoned Apprentice-watchers know, this is traditionally the time when some of Alan Sugar's most trusted associates go through the candidates' CVs and discover they don't know the difference between net and gross income, their resumes are a misspelled collection of fudged dates and inflated achievements, and their business plans could have been worked out on the back of a beer mat. However, if you can't wait until then to find out a little but more the remaining candidates, here's a profile of the remaining contestants, looking at how they made it this far – and whether they have it in them to go all the way to the final.

**The Greatest Shows on Earth Channel 4, 10pm**

Daisy Donovan wraps up her series tonight with a nose around South Korea – and finds there's a lot more to the place than tensions with the North and Psy (the energetic little man of Gangnam Style fame). First up, Daisy meets an online TV star who cooks for an audience of people who live alone, before taking part in the country's top-rated TV shows, but she has to work hard to understand the humour. With tensions higher than they've ever been between North and South Korea, Daisy goes behind the scenes on a Loose Women-style chat show, where the women reveal the shocking details of their lives in the isolated dictatorship, which include torture, starvation and brainwashing.

#### TUESDAY

**Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well BBC2, 8pm**

TV cookery courses aren't exactly an innovation. Both Delia Smith and Gordon Ramsay have attempted to teach the nation how to put a bit of pizzazz into our meals. But clearly nobody listened to them, because here's Raymond Blanc giving us a few tips of his trade that he believes will inspire us to stop simply opening a tin of baked beans and try something more adventurous. Each week, the Gallic gourmet will focus on one particular cooking skill, and demonstrate how to master it via a selection of simple but delicious recipes.

**The Murder Trial Channel 4, 9pm**

Court reporting seems, at times, a rather antiquated business. While the rise in 24-hour news channels has resulted in a deluge of video footage, when it comes to what goes on in our courts, we're left with little more than written accounts illustrated by artist's impressions. Until now, that is: for the first time ever, the Scottish High Court has granted permission for a trial to be filmed. Businessman Nat Fraser was found guilty of murdering his wife but, after a lengthy appeal process, the conviction was quashed, leading to this retrial. Remote cameras follow the whole process, from the jury being sworn in to the

final verdict, providing an insight into a largely unseen world.

#### WEDNESDAY

**Fat, Sick and Nearly Dead Channel 5, 8pm**

Joe Cross is a man on a mission – to save his own life. He's 100lbs overweight, relies on steroids and is suffering from a debilitating autoimmune disease, but he's desperate to take some kind of control over his health. With doctors and medicine unable to help him long term, Joe fears for his life but placing all his faith in the body's ability to heal itself, he embarks on the most important road trip of his life. He trades in his junk food diet, and vows to consume only fresh fruit and vegetables for 60 days all the while travelling 3000 miles across America.

**Your Money, Their Tricks BBC1, 8pm**

The seemingly ubiquitous Nicky Campbell is no stranger to shows fighting for peoples' rights. He filled in for many years when Anne Robinson was exposing the Weakest Link on her much-missed game show. This week he's back for another edition of the trial-by-TV show. Together with

Sian Williams and Rebecca Wilcox, they'll be lifting the bonnet on the motor trade, and reporting on how one garage chain gets drivers to pay for unnecessary work. Plus, there's a look at the mis-selling of second-hand cars, and the trio reveal how to save hundreds of pounds on vehicle insurance.

#### THURSDAY

**Nick and Margaret: We Pay Your Benefits BBC1, 9pm**

Hosting Countdown is probably a nice little earner, but do Nick Hewer and his former Apprentice colleague Margaret Mountford make enough to pick up the tab for the entire benefits system? Well, it seems we shouldn't take the title of this series quite so literally as instead, it sees the silver-haired duo conducting an ambitious experiment to bring together tax payers and the unemployed to work out just how much should be paid out in benefits. The pair are in Ipswich, where they invite four taxpayers to swap lives with four people who are currently out of work, and decide whether they think the claimants are being paid too much or not enough.

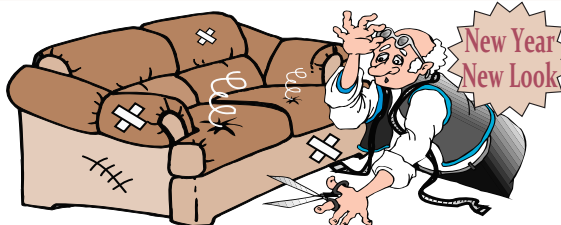
#### FRIDAY

**Coronation Street ITV, 7.30pm**

Lloyd accuses Paul of being a racist after the fireman makes an ill-chosen comment during a game of darts. Lloyd may never have mentioned it during his years in the soap, but it turns out he's been the victim of racial slurs in years gone by, and this incident has opened the floodgates on past memories. Meanwhile, Peter is not happy with Carla being the main breadwinner in their relationship.

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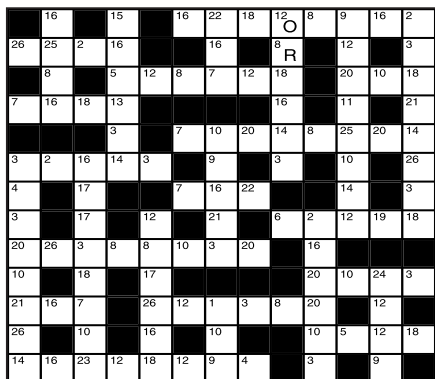
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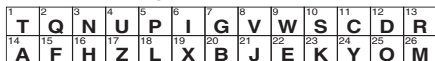
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

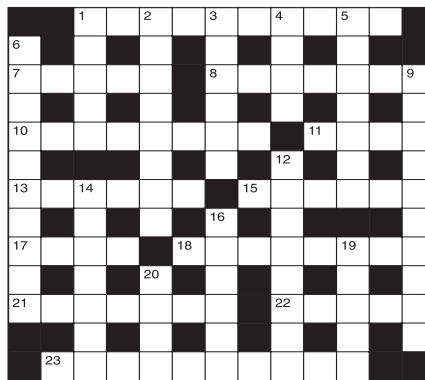
## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

1. See 10 Across
7. Part of the construction I considered to be of Greek origin (5)
8. Remove some of the charge to produce a flashy effect (7)
- 10 & 1Ac. What may be found at a bargain sale of brushes! (8,10)
11. The stronghold offered military resistance, we hear (4)
13. A container for a variety of cakes before tea (6)
15. Watch the teletypewriter (6)
17. Country in which I didn't dawdle (4)
18. This clue will give you some choice (8)
21. Lacking the potential to be famous (7)
22. Shackles used by those who wish to drive a long way (5)
23. In sleep etc. it could be a serious nuisance (10)

## Down

1. Firing-place a set distance from the target (5)
2. Make sense of French code (8)
3. Settlement only modified by the company (6)
4. Ophelia, Goneril and another Shakespearean character inside (4)
5. Radio set-up necessary for trawlermen? (7)
6. Sid coming back with a piece for biological analysis (10)
9. He has a life-interest in his subject (10)
12. Splitting up a body of soldiers (8)
14. State affected by the French city in U.S. (7)
16. What the campaignologist produces, we hear, to evoke sympathetic interest (6)
19. This holds the victim in fatal suspense (5)
20. Lend support to a speculative venture (4)



## Quick Clues:

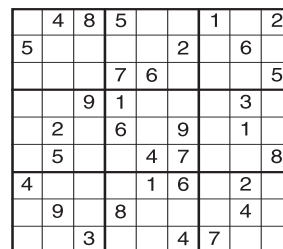
## Across

1. Choice (10)
7. Oust (5)
8. Clearer (7)
10. Outside (8)
11. Minus (4)
13. Struggle (6)
15. Doorway (6)
17. Ale (4)
18. Outlook (8)
21. Directly stated (7)
22. Well done! (5)
23. Dejected (10)

## Down

1. Flattened fold (5)
2. Completely (8)
3. Use (6)
4. Vivacity (4)
5. Agree (7)
6. Hatful (10)
9. Determination (10)
12. Practicable (8)
14. Spire (7)
16. Jail (6)
19. Precise (5)
20. Profound (4)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

4	7	1	6	3	2	5	8	9
3	3	2	4	8	5	6	7	1
5	8	6	7	9	1	3	2	4
6	4	7	1	5	8	9	3	2
1	2	5	9	6	3	8	4	7
9	8	3	2	7	4	1	6	5
7	1	9	8	2	6	4	5	3
2	5	6	3	4	9	7	1	8
8	3	4	5	1	7	2	9	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Allowed; 7 Beams; 9 Any; 10 Corrector; 12 Dromedaries; 15 Evening-star; 17 Scratched; 19 End; 21 Bonds; 22 Revisit. Down: 1 Sling; 2 Fox; 3 Peso; 4 Mercurial; 5 Imposed; 8 Brides; 11 Drunkards; 13 Menace; 14 Evictor; 16 Anvil; 18 Even; 20 Lit. QUICK - Across: 6 Freedom; 7 Cover; 9 Mad; 10 Extempore; 12 Composition; 15 Imperinent; 17 Staggered; 19 For; 21 Strew; 22 Assault. Down: 1 Treat; 2 Set; 3 Hoax; 4 Competent; 5 Reproof; 8 Lessen; 11 Foreigner; 13 Patter; 14 Imitate; 16 World; 18 Else; 20 Gap.



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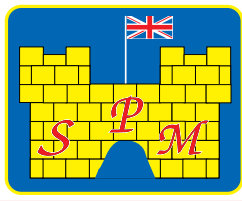
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There is also a garage which is 20ft 9in by 12ft 4in and a toilet.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with free standing roll top bath, double shower enclosure, pedestal wash hand basin and WC.

Outside the house is gently elevated behind a lawned garden and driveway to the entrance porch and garage to the rear.

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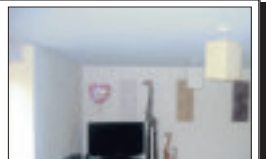
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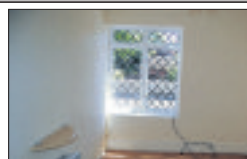
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**DADFORD VIEW BRIERLEY HILL**

An attractive modern starter home situated in a popular residential location with accommodation to comprise of: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, two Bedrooms and Shower Room. The property also benefits from sealed unit Double Glazing, small fore Garden and allocated parking. UNFURNISHED EPC RATING = E DSS: NO SMOKERS: NO PETS: NO CHILDREN: YES

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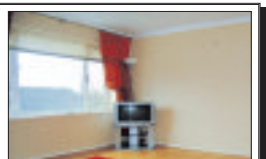
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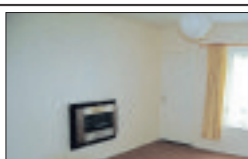
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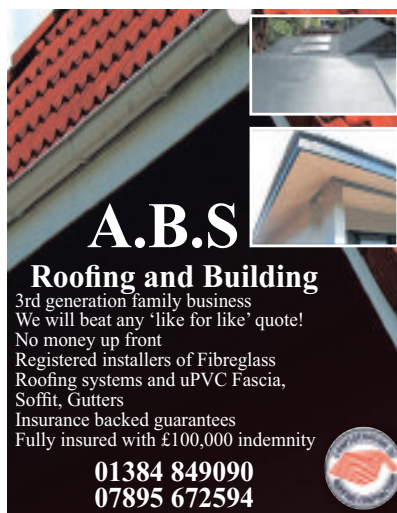
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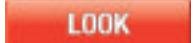
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# Motoring

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## New Civic has fuel-good factor

**FUEL prices and taxes make economy the driving force for a majority of today's motorists, and the race is on among car makers to win friends by cutting running costs.**

Now Honda has taken a lead with a new engine which is so thrifty it even puts hybrids in the shade.

It has a healthy 118bhp of power yet it is capable of averaging almost 80mpg with a CO2 emissions level below the magic 100g/km, which means zero road tax and a much-reduced bill for company car drivers.

The new 1.6 litre turbo diesel is currently only available in the Civic, but it will be an option in the CR-V 4x4 by the end of the year.

It has already won the 'green' award at this year's Tow Car of the Year awards and was officially rated as the most fuel efficient model in the competition.

The British-built Civic, with prices from £19,400, is also giving Honda a welcome boost in the highly competitive fleet car market.

The Civic will be familiar to most with its angular (and still futuristic)

shape as a five-seater family hatchback. The existing diesel in the range is a 2.2 turbo, much acclaimed for its performance – it was originally designed by the same man responsible for Honda's F1 engines.

The new 1.6 i-DTEC can't quite achieve its bigger brother's sheer grunt, but with 118bhp on tap it still does the 0 to 62mph dash in just over ten seconds.

And it does win hands down in economy terms – 78.5mpg average and over 85mpg on a longer run – and that tax-busting 94g/km of CO2 emissions.

### Refinement

Like its bigger brother, the 1.6's performance is marked out by its refinement: it is vibration-free even from cold and is barely audible even at higher cruising speeds.

This is partly due to the impressive build quality but also because the engine just never seems to work very hard. Like most diesels it runs out of steam at around 4,000rpm but all of its impressive 300Nm of torque is available from just 2,000rpm.

In other words, you get all that pulling power and performance with very little fuss, even though six well-spaced gear ratios mean you

can push a bit more enthusiastically if you want it.

The Civic's ride is smooth, adding to the feeling of refinement, with a suspension system which soaks up B-road bumps while preventing roll or wallow through quicker corners. Aerodynamic tweaks to the latest Civic range, principally designed to aid fuel economy, and new door seals have also reduced wind noise.

There are four different trim levels all coming with LED daytime running lights, alloy wheels, stop-start, air-conditioning and an MP3 compatible stereo fitted as standard.

The latest Civic retains the hi-tech, futuristic interior but with some improvements, with traditional 'clocks' for rev counter, fuel and temperature below the LED display with digital speed and driver information positioned higher up in the driver's eyeline.

The centre console houses audio and air conditioning controls.

Alloy wheels, electric mirrors and windows are all included in the basic package as are split/fold rear seats essential for hatchback flexibility. Load space is generous, from 477 to 1210 litres.

The Civic comes with a maximum



The sleek lines of the new Honda Civic diesel which returns more than 70 miles per gallon in town

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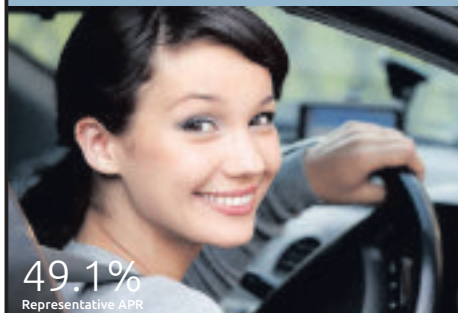
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Seat has unveiled details about its first hybrid vehicle, the plug-in Leon Verde prototype

## Seat take the wraps off first hybrid prototype

SEAT has taken the wraps off its first hybrid vehicle in the shape of the plug-in Leon Verde prototype.

The fully-working test vehicle is based on a normal Leon with a 120bhp 1.4-litre turbocharged petrol engine under the bonnet, but the second part of the drivetrain comprises a 101bhp electric motor and enough battery capacity for 31 fully-electric miles of driving.

Together, the powerplants give the car a maximum output of 168bhp, but according to tests completed by Seat using the official European fuel economy testing guidelines, the Leon Verde achieves a 176.6mpg average and emits just 36g/km of CO2.

Although it is equipped with a mere 40-litre fuel tank, the

car's total range with a full complement of unleaded and battery charge is still more than 500 miles.

The Leon Verde is the culmination of a four-year project to introduce an electric vehicle into Spain. A further 15 Spanish companies joined Seat in the venture, including infrastructure providers to ensure that future Leon Verde owners will have remote recharging options.

A smart charging system within the hybrid Leon can be programmed to only activate when electricity falls to a cheaper, overnight rate, potentially helping owners to keep costs down and reducing strain on the electricity grid.

It is hoped that the newest Leon will be able to kick-start a new industry sector in Spain, as well as rejuvenating what has become a stagnant car market by encouraging more electric car-makers into the region.

# Iconic Volkswagen Golf hits 30 million milestone



The 30 millionth Volkswagen Golf has rolled off the production line at the Wolfsburg plant in Germany

THE iconic family-sized Volkswagen Golf has just reached another major milestone, with the 30 millionth example having rolled off the production line at the giant Wolfsburg plant in Germany.

Since the original Golf first appeared in 1974 it has gone through six further iterations, with today's seventh-generation model offering levels of comfort, performance and economy that were beyond unheard of 39 years previously.

The 30 millionth Golf was a Bluetmotion TDI, the most fuel-efficient Golf ever produced with an official combined consumption figure of 88.3mpg.

This particular example went on display for during the factory open day.

Professor Martin Winterkorn, chairman of the board of management of Volkswagen AG, says: "The history of the Golf is also the history of automotive progress. With technologies such as the safe front-wheel drive of the first Golf, the debut of the TDI in the third Golf, ESC (Electronic Stability Control) and the dual clutch gearbox of the fourth Golf and the standard Automatic Post-Collision Braking System of the new generation, this car has continued to democratise progress.

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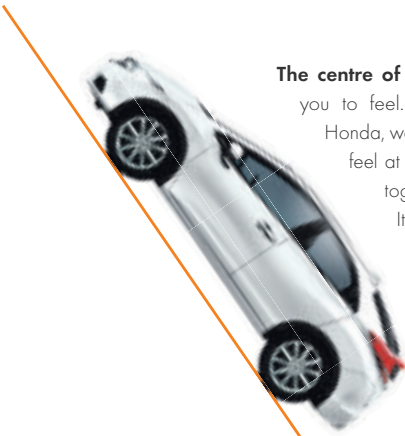
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## Champion holds off challenge for victory

REIGNING PGA Seniors champion Paul Wesselingh held off a late challenge from former Ryder Cup star Paul Broadhurst to take the honours at the Stourbridge Pro Am.

Wesselingh (Kedleston Park GC) carded a four-under par 66 to finish a shot clear and take top prize.

Broadhurst's challenge came just too late, birdies on the final two holes leaving him on three-under for the tournament.

But the best finish came from Matt McGuire (Stoneleigh Deer Park GC). The Warwickshire player had been out of the reckoning until birdies on five of the last six holes fired him up the leaderboard to finish at two-under.

Andrew Cheese (Sutton Coldfield GC) and Andrew Willey (Notts GC) also broke par while local lad Richard Cospey (Enville GC) was one of three golfers on level par, helped by an eagle at the par five 9th.

It was a disappointing day for Stourbridge GC pair James Wheeler and Mark Male as they both finished down the field.

## Runner Nick comes in as the winner

STOURBRIDGE Running Club's Nick Brooks won the Walsall Parkrun (5K) in 17m 50s.

This was a free weekly race at Walsall Arboretum last week and is organised every Saturday morning at 9am.

The club had five runners at the Malvern Half Marathon, first to finish for the club with a time of 1:56 was Errol Cumberbatch.

Then Sarah Oakley with 2:01 and both Stuart Floyd and Dawn Humphries with 2:02.

The race was in aid of Acorns Childrens Hospice and the total raised from the day is hoped to be £35,000 which will pay for an amazing 1,093 hours of care.

The Timberhonger 10k race, part of the Bromsgrove Carnival weekend, saw 444 runners take to the road.

For Stourbridge Rob Colman finished 37th with a time of 40:31, 2nd for the club was Christopher Barnett (125th) 46:35 and then Stephen Bloomer (297) 55:09.

# Weather brings rancour to both teams

**Stourbridge 1st XI 145**  
**Harbourne 1st XI 128-7**  
**Harbourne 1st XI winning draw**  
Stourbridge 1st XI stayed third in Division Two of the Birmingham & District league holding Harbourne 1st XI to a losing draw.

A rain-affected result that will rancour both sides looking to consolidate positions in the top half of the Division.

At one stage either team could have won it but the visitors blocked the closing overs to ensure the 15 points.

Losing a crucial toss and put into bat Stour faced tricky conditions after heavy overnight rain. Sea-

soned opener Naheem Sajjad bowling from the football end struck three blows taking out Stour top order. First to go was Alex Bingham (7) caught and bowled, number three Andy the effort Alexander disappointed to have been given out caught behind for five, and skipper Richard Bradley was bowled for a duck.

James Lawley resisted the rampant Harbourne team making further inroads.

He had gone on to make 52 when Ravij Sen who had replaced Sajjad trapped him LBW.

Stour's middle order too crumbled. No5 Adam Lawley was

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bowled by Nirrushan Raveenthiraraja for four, Mathew Bradley was smartly stumped for 11 off the bowling of Sen.

Late resistance came from Jitesh Patel (15) and Greg Jones (25) not out but effort not sufficient to shut out opposition from the game. Sajjad and Raveenthiraraja made Stour struggle taking three wickets a piece.

With the total well in their reach Harbourne plundered 17 runs off 4 overs. But fired up Stour fought back with the wicket of Gurig

Randhawa brilliantly caught in the slips for six off Mathew Bradley; The run out of dangerous Andrew Lloyd for 16 and the wickets of Darren Franklin (13) caught behind off Bradley rendered Harbourne to 36-3 off 13 overs.

Stour back in the driving seat and pressure on the opposition Jitesh Patel struck taking the wicket of Mathew Parker LBW for eight. Skipper Ravij Sen batting at No 5 was next to go caught behind off the bowling of 17-year-old paceman Ali Shah for three.

Bowling heroes Raveenthiraraja and Sajjad stopped Stour railroading to victory after Shah had

George Land caught behind for a duck.

Raveenthiraraja finally went for 33 trapped LBW by the leggie Andy Alexander for a stubborn 33.

Sajjad was resolute at the end and surviving a number of LBW shouts from the frustrated Alexander. The match was delicately poised Harbourne needing 29 runs and Stour requiring three wickets as the rain descended. At the resumption Harbourne was content to block out the remaining nine overs for a winning draw. Sajjad 34no and Matt Trigg 14no made sure Stour was deprived of an important win.

# Season's best bowling has bottom side reeling

**Stourbridge 2nd XI 196-5, Brewood 2nd XI 94**  
**Stourbridge win by 102**  
**STOURBRIDGE skipper Mikesh Patel, on a mission to prove his side is better than the seventh position in Division Two of Birmingham and District Premier Cricket League, faced Brewood who hold up the rest.**

Put in to bat Stour's middle order performed well to take their side to just four short of the double hundred.

Will Jennings, aged 17, batting at No4 did his skipper proud with 74 no.

Jennings was in good company with another first-teamer Dave Jones who knocked up 50 no. They put on a partnership worth 84.

Stour bowlers put on their best performance of the season so far bowling out the opposition for 96 in 38 overs. Dave Jones increased his first team chances by capturing 4-38 off 15 overs; spinner Feraz Irfan came up with his best figures taking 4-20 off 12 overs.

**Hallow 1st XI 227-6**  
**Stourbridge 4th XI 186-9**  
**Winning draw for Hallow**  
Matt Norgrove, 19, was at the helm for Stour away to Hallow stepping in for the injured Alex Dent.

Norgrove's counterpart Jeremy Hodgson, along with Steve Hayes, took the Hallow score from 53-2 to 145-3.

Hodgson was caught for 74 off teenage spinner Mathew Watts and Hayes was stumped for 55. No5 Rob Bawden helped his side to the double hundred scoring 37.

Mathew Watts ended up with three wickets for 44 off

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11 overs. In reply, skipper Norgrove was bowled for 10 but Ryan Willetts scored 77 before being caught.

Last week's teenage century-maker Tom Jennings was out caught for 26.

A late 47 from Luke Alexander and 12no from Watts saw their side to a losing draw despite two quick wickets by Stratford (5-41).

**Stourbridge 4th XI 156-7**  
**Hallow 2nd XI 62**  
**Stourbridge win by 94 runs**

The triumphant Stourbridge 4th XI romped to a 94-run victory led by caretaker skipper Alex Colman.

The win takes Stour three points short of Astwood Bank who lead Division 5.

Put in to bat Stour took their score past 150 thanks to a brilliant opening knock of 45 from Steve Parker.

The pace of Colman gave Stour the breakthrough when he had opener Brian Williams LBW for three.

Umar Khalid and Will Davis bagged three wickets each to send Hallow all out for 62 in 31 overs.

## Region's sporting young turn out for big event

HUNDREDS of sporting stars of the future descended on the region for two major events.

All 1,200 competitors had earned the right to take part in the third annual Black Country School Games tournament by triumphing in local heats.

Youngsters also took on a tough challenge as they competed in the region's biggest childrens' triathlon around the countryside of the Sandwell Valley.

Every primary and secondary school in Walsall, Wolverhampton, Dudley and Sandwell was given the opportunity to enter a team in the Black Country School Games.

Those that rose to the challenge then battled it out to become the champion of their borough in a sport and each of these headed for the final at Aldersley Leisure Village in Wolverhampton on Friday.

The contestants, aged eight to 15, did their best to win gold, silver or bronze medals in 10 different disciplines.

Miss Joanne Taylor, sports officer for the Black Country Be Active Partnership, who organised the event, said: "The rain stopped just before the start of the opening ceremony which augured well for the



Wolverhampton Girls High winner of the girls Volleyball with the Mayor and Mrs Oress of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch and Mrs Heather Finch and Helen Scott

rest of the event and this proved to be the case because it all went wonderfully well."

Two hundred more pupils acted as officials and customer service advisors at the event after attending a special leadership training course while others displayed arts and crafts.

The tournament was officially opened by GB paralympic cyclist Helen Scott who won bronze and silver in London 2012. She also presented the prizes.

At Sandwell Valley more than 110 children, some as young as eight, travelled from around the country to the beauty spot for the

Sandwell Triathlon 2013. They braved cold temperatures by donning wetsuits for a open water swim in Swan Pool before moving on to a tough hike ride around the country park.

The race was held within the country park's showground outside Sandwell Valley Park Farm.

## Centuries are just not enough to grab a win

**Penkridge 2nd XI 231-3**  
**Stourbridge 2nd XI 230-5**  
**Penkridge 2nd XI win**

STOURBRIDGE skipper Mikesh Patel lost the toss saw his team mark up double hundred.

Openers Chris Norgrove (8) and Ben Mantom (0) lost their way both caught off the bowling of Shirjee Mir.

Steve Game Stour's 1st teamer batting at No 3 showed his return to form putting on 132 with young star Will Jennings.

Game was eventually out for 75 caught off the bowling of Jon Price. With the opposition total on 75 Stour was making headway.

Andrew Lawson remained 92 no out off 41 balls hitting seven boundaries and eight sixes. With his partner Usman Khan not out on 56 they produced a convincing win.

**Astwood Bank 3rd XI 66**  
**Stourbridge 3rd XI 62**  
**Astwood Bank win**

Skipper Alex Dent saw his 17-year-old bowler Heran Patel return best figures of the season so far 4-9 runs off eight overs.

**Stourbridge 4th XI 235-6**  
**Astwood Bank 4th XI 84**  
**Stourbridge 4th XI win**

Astwood skipper Ben Vanner must have regretted putting Stour in as the home side piled on double century off 45 overs on a damp wicket.

His side did capture the wickets of openers Ian Biddle (11) and Umar Khalid (15) and that of the No 3 Scott Ludlam (12).

Then the Stour youth took over the battle. Tom Westwood, aged 19, and 15-year-old Tom Jennings showcased their talents helping their side to a winning score.

## Youth head appointed

STOURBRIDGE FC has appointed a new boss to develop its young players and see them progress through the ranks.

John Kearney has been appointed head of junior technical development and will oversee the clubs plan to establish teaching methods throughout its teams over the next few years.

The club will be holding trials and looking for players in the next few weeks.

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## Aston is stepping up a level for battle

DUDLEY'S Ryan Aston steps up to championship level in the main event at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Saturday with a new foe to contend with on fight night.

Portuguese-born Spaniard Yuri Pompilio has been replaced by Hungarian Norbert Szekeres in the 10-round battle for the vacant International Masters middleweight title.

Szekeres is only 26 but has 41 fights of paid experience and boxed at the Civic against Birmingham's Thomas Costello last year, where he was counted out from a body shot in the third round.

But Szekeres has since gone the distance with former European champion and WBA world title contender Grzegorz Proksa as well as five rounds with another challenger to the EBU crown, Domenico Spada.

The international visitor brings more ring guile to the table than Aston's scheduled opponent, but 'Tank' admits the fight he really wants is a rematch with Curtis Valentine.

Valentine ended Aston's unbeaten record last July with a two-round stoppage for the vacant Midlands belt.

For more information and tickets, call the Civic box office on 0870 320 7000 or promoter Paul 'PJ' Rowson on 07976 283 157.

## Cash crisis closes club

THE non-league football scene in the South Staffordshire suffered a blow last week after AFC Wombourne United announced it will fold due to financial reasons.

Chairman Brian Haselum said it has been difficult for the club to balance the books in recent years.

"It is a real shame the village now has no football team, but despite having a great sporting set up, we have struggled financially over the last couple of years."

"Unfortunately our efforts to find a financial sponsor have been unrewarded and to this end the club will cease to compete in the football league," he said.

Last season the club finished in sixth place in the West Midlands Regional League after relying on donations from players, members and supporters to stay afloat.

## On-loan rider Morris seals victory for rivals

LOCAL bragging rights went to Dudley after they took a 49-41 victory over arch rivals Wolves in an exhilarating encounter at Monmore Green.

The Heathens put in a battling display to put one over on a strong Wolverhampton select line-up in front of a sizeable and passionate crowd.

In an ironic twist, it was on-loan Wolves asset Ashley Morris who sealed victory for Dudley with the ride of the night as he pulled off a sublime third to first charge past Rob Branford and Joe Haines to take victory in heat 13.

The win capped off a tremendous display

### Speedway

from Morris as he bagged 12 points just 24 hours after he took glory in the National League Pairs' Championship alongside Lewis Blackbird. And the local youngster was ecstatic after his match-winning performance ensured Dudley lifted the BBC WM Trophy. He said: "It was great fun out there against Wolves. We managed to pull through against a strong side to get a really good win. I had a really good night. It was definitely tough out there as I wasn't really making starts, but I felt like I had plenty of

speed and I got a good score in the end."

After taking a six-point lead after five races, Heathens never looked back as they put in a determined display. Paul Starke supported Morris exceptionally with a classy performance which included three race wins, whilst Lewis Blackbird also impressed despite a heat 13 fall.

Young reserves Nathan Greaves and Max Clegg both made good contributions, whilst Dan Greenwood and Gareth Isherwood posted useful scores to complete another strong all-around team performance.

Wolves were rocked by the loss of former Dudley star Tom Perry in the early stages as

he aggravated a shoulder injury in his opening ride. Despite losing Perry, they showed plenty of fight to keep the meeting tight - with Branford the pick of their riders with a hard-fought 12-point haul.

Joe Haines, James Sarjeant and Damien Koppe all supported him well - the latter improving as the evening went on to take two race wins. And team boss for the evening Sam Ermolenko was pleased with the resilience his young side showed. He said: "Our guys battled well to stay close all the way through." The Heathens have now challenged Wolves to a return clash at Monmore next Tuesday at 7.30pm.

## A golden meeting for Alicia



**Alicia Bradshaw**

A STOURBRIDGE athlete celebrated her 18th birthday in style with three gold medals.

Alicia Bradshaw, of Hagley, celebrated in style by taking home three Gold medals from a meeting in Bangor last weekend.

Competing against top athletes from around the country she took gold in 100m, 200m sprint and 100m relay. Afterwards the West Midlands team stayed on for training.

Alicia, a student at The Glasshouse College, Stourbridge, is gearing her personal training towards gaining a place in the Special Olympics in August with the Worcestershire team at The Ryland Centre, Bromsgrove.

## Wagner signing now confirmed

WOLVES confirmed the signing of Danish defender Victor Wagner.

The 17-year-old centre-back said on Twitter over the weekend that he has signed after impressing for Esbjerg last season.

Wagner, who will join the club's Under-18s squad, chose Wolves after trials with Albion, Stoke and Huddersfield.

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# ALEXANDER GRABS SIX TO ENSURE WIN

Stourbridge 1st XI 169 Coventry Warwickshire North 147

**STOURBRIDGE CC 1st XI almost squandered 24 points in a low scoring match that they eventually won with five overs to spare.**

Stour took on Coventry & North Warwickshire, who were positioned one spot above bottom of Division Two of Birmingham and District Premier league. Stour's top order was once again blown away for 52 but skipper Richard Bradley's staunch knock got the home side to a defensible total.

He called correctly once again and decided to take the first knock but his side soon ran into problems.

Opener Alex Bingham caught behind for four off the towering Manbir Johal.

Coventry & NW capitalised, taking the wickets of James Lawley (7) caught behind off Harry Horsley with the score on 23. Two runs later Johal cleaned bowled Audy Alexander for 12.

Matt and Richard Bradley, playing cautiously, took the score to 52 when the former was bowled by the spinner Daniel Vernon for seven.

Bradley, playing a captain's innings, was joined by Adam Lawley and they took the score to 99 when, against the tide, Lawley was caught off the spinner Sarfaraz Pathan for a solid 21.

Mainly thanks to the skipper and the seventh wicket partnership of 31 Stour reached 169. Bradley was caught for 62 in the penultimate over off Johal and James Winders, who supported his skipper, made a valuable 19 before being run out.

Stour opening pair Matt Bradley and Jitesh Patel proved to be innocuous against Coventry & NW Jack Horsley and Sarfaraz

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Pathan. The pair took the score to 65 off 19 overs with Stour well below par in the field.

Against the run of play, left hand leggie Alexander had Pathan LBW for 36.

This opened up the flood gates and sparked Stour. Alexander ripped through top order as he had keeper Danico Philmon caught at mid on for 11 and Horsley caught behind for 38.

The wickets of Harry Horsley, LBW for 15, and Michael Pickering, bowled for four, meant Alexander had all the first five in the bag with the opposition 107 off 34 overs.

The second half of the batting was taken care of by spinner, James Wood.

He bagged four thanks to a superb catch to rid of Daniel Vernon for one, Adam Simpson for a duck and Wood himself hung on to a one handed return catch from Michael Cook for six. Stephen French threatened to take his side to the winning line until Wood bowled for 19.

With the opposition at 136-9 the match was still in the balance until the skipper brought back Alexander, to claim his sixth wicket.

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## Runners team up for first Presidents Handicap



The members of the Stourbridge Running Club who were all involved in the first Presidents Handicap Event

MORE than 60 members of Stourbridge Running Club took part in the inaugural Presidents Handicap Event.

The race started from the club meeting place at the Memorial Ground last week where each runner had to predict their finish time for a five-mile course.

The members then had to run the course and try and match this without the help of watches or GPS

fitness devices. The winner was Mary Bytheway who was nine seconds off her predicted time, second was Zoe Yeomans with 12 seconds away and third was Andy Bernasconi who was only 15 seconds away.

The club is also organising a Stumble Run which will take place next month.

The run which will be held in Mary Stevens Park, Oldswinford

on August 10 starting at 6pm.

Entry fees in advance are £9.00 (affiliated) £11.00 (unaffiliated) or on the day £11.00 (affiliated) £13.00 (unaffiliated)

The club is always looking for new runners of all abilities and meets every Monday and Wednesday at 6.45pm at Stourbridge Cricket Club at the Stourbridge War Memorial Ground. People of all abilities are welcome.

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